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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

LIEUT. DAVIS APPOINTED TO NEW POSITION

TWO YEARS MORE OF ACTIVE SERVICE

For Major John R. Lynch at San Francisco—Dr. Booker T. Wshington and Others Have Conference with President.

Thompson's National News Bureau—
Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—President Taft has resignated Lieut. Benjamin Oliver Davis of the Tenth Cavalry as Military Attache of the United States to the Government of Liberia. The position is newly created and is taken as an earnestness of the closer relation that has come to exist between this country and the African Republic by virtue of the exchange of visits by the commissions representing the sister governments.

The appointment is in the nature of a surprise to the Negroes of Washington and the nation at large, as no intimation had been given that such a place was to be made, but it is an exceedingly gratifying surprise to all concerned. It is universally conceeded that the honor falls upon worthy shoulders.

Lieut. Davis is a young man of exceptional force of character, and has made his way to the front by sheer merit. He is a native of Washington and graduated from the public schools of this city. He entered the volunteer army shortly after the breaking out of the Spanish-American War with the rank of second lieutenant, and won distinction in the Cuban campaign which led to his promotion to a first lieutenancy. Enlisting in the regular army at the close of the Spanish-American War, he saw service in the Philippines and at various stations in this country, giving eminent satisfaction to his superiors wherever his lot was cast. He rose to a first lieutenancy within a few months after his entrance to the regular army, passing brilliant examinations in both the mental and actual field tests. While stationed at Fort Washakie, Wyoming, he led to the altar Miss Lenora Dickerson, a charming young lady of the nation's capital—the "sweetheart of his youth," as it were.

In addition to his duties in the field, Lieut. Davis served most creditably as military instructor at Wilberforce University, and last summer was detailed by the War Department to instruct the First Separate Batalion, District National Guard, in the maneuvers looking to the "capture" of Boston. The fine showing of the battalion reflected most happily his diligent and painstaking labors. Modest and unassuming in the face of personal triumphs and genial in his intercourse with men of all classes, he has earned a popularity that is widespread and lasting. In Liberia he will have a splendid field for usefulness to his own race and to the nation he will serve, and will offer to the struggling people of the African Republic an example of the possibilities open to the Negro who is faithful, determined and worthy. Lieut. Davis will "make good."

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To set at rest all doubts that may have risen in the minds of the public with reference to the future of Major John R. Lynch, we give it out upon official authority that he is now stationed at San Francisco as paymaster in the United States Army, and has been notified that he will be continued on the active list until the time of his enforced retirement, which is at the age of sixty-four years, and further that he will not be required to take the riding or walking test in the future. This gives Major Lynch nearly two more years to serve on the active list. This cheering prospect will please the major's large circle of friends and admirers, even if it does carry confusion into the camp of a small coterie of barkers in and about Washington who would have been glad to have seen him fail.

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Major William T. Anderson, chaplain of the Tenth United States Cavalry, has been granted leave of absence until December 16th next, when he will be placed on the retired list. He was born in Texas in August, 1859, but was appointed to the chaplaincy from Ohio in August, 1897, and assigned to the Tenth Cavalry. He has been in poor health for several months, and is now under treatment at the Gereal Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark. He stands number two on the list of chaplains, and has served capably in this country and in the Philippines. Rumor has it that his successor has been agreed upon, and when the announcement is officially made it will be a surprise to many, and will doubtless arouse continent-wide attention because of the precedent the selection may establish.

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Quite a transformation is observed in the printing office of Howard University. Mr. Lyle, the director of this important department, at one time had charge of the printing offices in one of the largest schools in New York State. The work turned out, both as to quantity and quality, would do credit to any commercial establishment in the city. Mr. Lyle takes no count of the hours that it takes to bring his place up to the high standard it has attained.

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All Washington is filled with echoes of the magnificent dinner which was given last week in honor of Hon. Ernest Lyon, United States Minister to Liberia, and Bishop I. B. Scott, representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church in that republic. Auditor Ralph W. Tyler, chairman of the committee on arrangements, who conceived the affair and bore the brunt of its execution, has been the recipient of numerous letters and messages of congratulation upon the successful outcome of the stupendous enterprise. It is admitted to have been the greatest banquet that the city of Washington has ever known. The Masonic Auditorium was crowded to its utmost capacity, and owing to lack of space the committee was compelled to deny invitations to many who offered their subscriptions during the last few days the books were open. Minister Lyon, Bishop Scott and Dr. Washington are loud in their praise of Chairman Tyler's management and are grateful for the increased interest the function has aroused everywhere in the welfare of the Liberian Republic. Minister Lyon, as a token of his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him, has sent to Mr. Tyler a solid gold scarf pin in the form of an elephant, typical of the mammoth proportions to which Liberia may grow if the people of this country will imbide the inspiration which the occasion so auspiciously vitalized.

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President Taft has announced his sympathy with the movement on the part of the Liberians and their American supporters to regenerate the black republic, and to enlarge its sphere of usefulness as a nation. At the Lyon-Scott banquet Toastmaster Tyler read the following characteristic letter from the White House:

"My Dear Sir—I am advised that the colored men of the country are about to give a complimentary dinner Wednesday evening, November 17th, in honor of Hon. Ernest Lyon, Minister Plenipotentiary to Liberia, and Bishop I. B. Scott, missionary bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church to Liberia, and that they are doing this in some manner to evidence their deep interest in the future of the Liberian Republic. I am glad to express my sympathy with the movement that finds this expression, and my hope is that our special mission to Liberia may result in such information that we shall be able to be of assistance to the republic in its struggle for existence, and in making its field of usefulness more extended.

"Sincerely yours,
"WILLIAM H. TAFT."

A scene of wild enthusiasm followed the reading of this heartening message. The audience arose en masse, cheers filled the air, handkerchiefs waved and a toast was drank amid neighborly congratulations to the "big-hearted chief executive of the world's greatest government."

At the conclusion of the function the following resolutions was presented by Prof. L. M. Hershaw, of Georgia, and was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this gathering that the perpetuity of the Republic of Liberia is essential as an example of the capacity of the Negro for self-government in the land of his origin, and that we pledge our moral influence to secure the integrity and independence of its territory."

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Mr. Henry Lassiter, who has been connected for a number of years with the office of the Secretary of the Navy, has resigned his responsible position there in order to give his full time to the profitable and growing business he has built up while engaged in the government service. He deals in poultry, butter and eggs, and supplies the choicest products of this kind for some of the most prominent families in the capital, not a few of them being members of the President's cabinet, members of Congress and of the diplomatic corps. Mr. Lassiter is a business man to the core, and is an energetic factor in any enterprise to which he may set his hand. Two of the largest and most imposing meetings which Dr. Washington has addressed in this city were directed wholly by Mr. Lassiter, and the receptions tendered by him in honor of the Tuskegeean were instrumental in bringing to the support of the latter's philosophy a host of the capital's most influential citizens and educators. Through Mr. Lassiter's management of the Booker T. Washington meetings not less than $1,000 was added to the treasury of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church—a generosity which has won a host of friends for both the "Wizard" and Mr. Lassiter.

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The Barron-Dabney firm, cigar and news dealers will occupy the handsome store room in the U street front of the new Maceo Theater building now being constructed by Mr. James F. Child. An orchestra and a long list of attractions are now being contracted for by Mr. Child for the Meceo.

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Dr. Booker T. Washington, Minister Ernest Lyon and Commissioner Emmett J. Scott visited the White House one day last week and had an extended conference with President Taft, touching a number of questions affecting the Negro people of this country. The chiew executive was in his usual genial mood, and it is said that the interview was in every way satisfactory. Among other things the President expressed his deep interest in the proposed exposition designed to mark the progress of the Negro in the fifty years of his freedom, and this earnest endorsement of the 1913 project from such an authorative source is a guarantee of its success. Dr. Washington, who is recognized by the masses throughout the land as the natural leader of the enterprise, gave out a statement outlining the purpose of the exposition and declared it to be his belief that few movements can do more just now to encourage the Negro to live high, useful lives, and at the same time further cement the friendly relations existing between black people and white people, than an exposition of this kind. The citizens of Washington are discussing the project from every angle, and a wave of enthusiasm has been engendered which will assure an exhibit from the district which will be a genuine reflex of the liberal educational opportunities which the race enjoys here. Already there are candidates galore for the commissionership, and in the very rivalry so quickly springing up there is evidence that some folks have faith in its solidity and moral force.

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The corner stone of the new $90,000 science hall of Howard University was laid Tuesday afternoon with impressive ceremonies.

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Recorder Charles R. Howland, of the Brownsville Court of Inquiry, has gone to the Texas town to inaugurate the investigation authorized by Congress. He will be followed in a day or so by the remaining members of the court and the ground will be accurately surveyed, after which the taking of testimony will begin. Proof of innocence may be required of the accused soldiers, but it is thought the proceedings will be conducted on a liberal basis, and that the majority of the men will be found qualified for reenlistment.

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On next Tuesday night, at Bethel Literary Society's regular meeting, the program will be given over to the representatives of Howard University. President W. P. Thirkield will deliver the principal address and there will be choice music by the vested choir of the school under the direction of Miss Lulu Vere Childers. The spacious Metropolitan A. M. E. Church will be packed.

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A committee of colored men called upon President Taft Monday to invite him to attend a mass meeting to be held in this city at an early date in the interest of the National Religious Training School and Chautauqau being established by Dr. J. E. Shepard at Durham, N. C., for the moral, religious and intellectual uplift of the Negro. The committee consisted of Hon. H. P. Cheatham of Oxford, Col. James H. Young of Raleigh, Dr. C. H. Shepard of Durham, Prof. J. B. Budley of Greensboro, Rev. E. H. Hunter of Richmond, Va., and W. L. Shepard of this city. The President appreciated the invitation, but took the matter under advisement.

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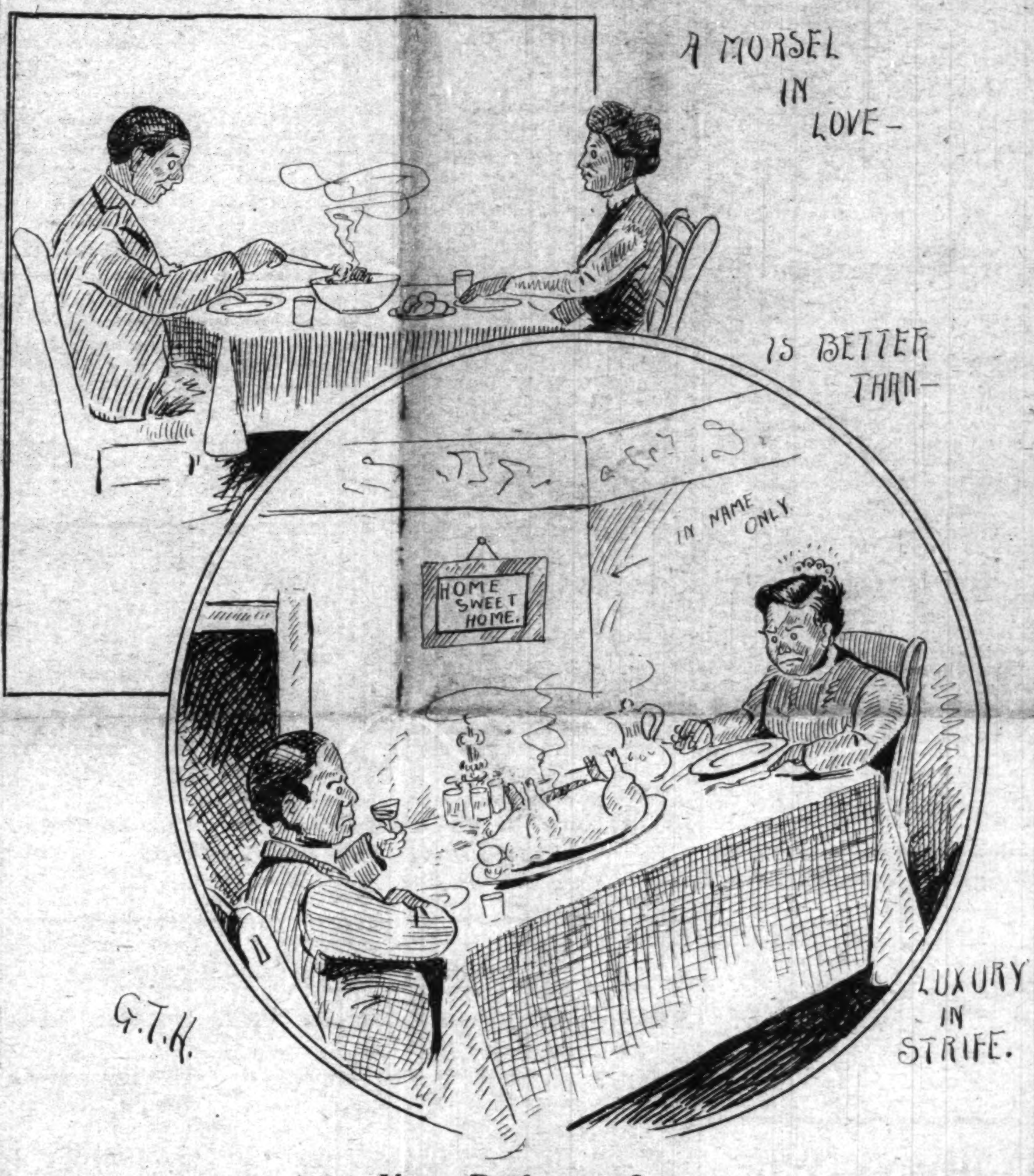
Rev. W. A. Ray, pastor of the Metropolitan Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church of this city, announces his candidacy for the Bishopric.

HOME LIFE.



Your Preference?

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Hattie Harper spent a week with relatives in Toledo....Willis Collins was in Warren Monday on business....Mr. Charles Jackson, Sarah Boggess, James Mealey, F. D. Berry, Prof. A. H. Berry are on the sick list....Miss Rhoda Holmes attended the wedding of Miss Eve Brown in Cadez, Ohio, last week....The dinners given by the different churches Thanksgiving were well attended and neat sums were realized at each church....Miss Mary Lincoln spent a week with her parents.... Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Green, of Ashtabula, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Green, Jr., last week....Mr. and Mrs. George A. Simpson, of Akron, and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Proctor, of Ravenna, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Simpson last week....The dancing party given Thursday evening by the Womens' Progress Club was well attended and a success.... Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Holmes entertained a number of their friends at their home to a dinner Thursday....Prof. Howells, of Ashtabula, was in the city last week.... Mr. Denison, of New Castle, Pa, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Garnes last week. ....Those wishing The Freeman can get it from Wm. Saunders, local agent. Please notify him, as the Christams number will be larger than ever before....The musical entertainment given by the members of the St. Mary's Church Tuesday was a treat to all who attended. The leading feature of the program was the soprano singing by Mrs. Grace Willis Thompson, of Cleveland, a member of the St. Johns Choir of that city. Mrs. Thompson was formally of this city. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Willis....Mrs. Willis Collins entertained the following ladies at dinner Friday in honor of Mrs. L. Johnson, of Cleveland: Mrs. J. Raylan, Mrs. Queen Robinson, Mrs. A. Rayford, Mrs. Samuel Holmes, Mrs. Will Honesty, Mrs. Geo. Ridout, Mrs. Charles Stewart, Miss L. Holmes, Mrs. Samuel Holmes, Mrs. M. Misher. Mrs. L. Johnson is the guest of Mrs. George Ridout, of West Federal street.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Thanksgiving dinner given at the Second Baptist Church was quite a success, both financially and socially....The Bible class, which has been organized at the A. M. E. meets every Friday evening....Mrs. Nettie Muse is very ill at Nichols hospital with appendicitis....The Willing Workers Society met at the home of Mrs. J. T. Buckner last Wednesday....Mr. and Mrs. G. Grant are the parents of a five-pound baby girl....The Thanksgiving dinner given at the A. M. E. Church was quite a success....There will be a quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. Church on Dec. 12, 1909....Mrs. Isabelle Salspaugh is confined to her home from an attack of bilious fever....Master Percy Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Henderson, is confined to his home with pneumonia....Mr. Claude Johnson, of Charlotte, Mich., spent Thanksgiving in this city....The Pastor's Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. G. Marshall and after a delightful luncheon they adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. H. Tucker....Mrs. Lenney and daughter Valerya, of Flint, Mich., are visiting in this city the guests of Mrs. J. Grayson.

CINCINNATI, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Mary Jackson, of 1049 Jordan avenue, departed this life on last Friday afternoon, was buried from Zion Baptist Church on Monday afternoon, of which she was a faithful member for many years. She was 62 years of age and a member of the church for 50 years, joining at the age of 12 years. She was a member of the True Reformers, the Women's Missionary Society of Zion Chuch. The funeral was preached by the pastor, Dr. J. F. Walker, text, 2 Tim. 4:7, "I have fought a good fight and kept the faith," by special request. Rev. G. W. Gay, of the Bethel Baptist Chuch made a few remarks touching upon the life of the deceased. She leaves a daughter, two sons, two brothers, grandson and other relatives and friends to mourn their loss....Miss Mabel Edwards, the daughter of Mr. James Edwards and Mr. Thomas Sutton, were united in holy matrimony on Thanksgiving at the home of her parents. She was the recipient of many handsome and valuable presents. ....A new lodge of Odd Fellows was instituted on last Sunday afternoon by the Eagle Lodge G. U. O. O. F., to be known as the Eva Lodge....The cantata endered at Union Baptist Church on Wednesday and Friday nights of last week was a grand success....Miss Custer, the estimable daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Custer, of 1019 Central avenue, spent Thanksgiving with friends at Columbus, Ohio.... For The Freeman see H. B. Brooks, at 526 W. 6th street....Miss Rubia Inez, the estimable daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Leavelle, 643 Kenyon avenue, was married to Mr. Charles H. Burton, of Glendale, where they will reside....Mr. Luke Edinburgh and son Kemp sepnt several days with his brother last week at Ripley, O.... Miss Laura Allen spent a few days at Lexington last week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Windell.

GREENVILLE, S. C.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The U. I. K. social club gave their annual Thanksgiving ball on the night of November 24. The following ladies and gentlemen were present: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams, Mr. Ed Sullivan and Miss Carrie Mims, Mr. C. A. Williamson and Miss Lydia Logan, Mr. James Logan and Miss Annie Hill, Mr. L. P. Parks and Miss Maggie Martin, Mr. C. C. Davis and Miss Beulah Duke of Norfolk, Va., Mr. J. C. Page and Miss Lena White of Springfield, O., Mr. G. W. Sullivan and Miss Grace Slow, Asheville, N. C., Mr. W. B. Thomas and Miss Jennie Mims, Mr. Ashby Stewart and Miss Daisy Snead, Mr. Ed Hamilton and Miss Annie Early, Mr. Henry Neal and Miss Etta Snead, Mr. Belton Austin of Lawrence, S. C., and Miss C. M. Williams, Mr. Eddie Davis of New York City, Mr. Vincent Martin, Mr. Evans Thompson, Mr. G. W. Parker, Dr. T. J. Williams and Miss Maud Page, Dr. W. T. Smith, Dr. G. W. Harry of Spartansburg, S. C....Mr. Ashby Stewart and Miss Daisy Snead were married Sunday afternoon, November 28. Rev. P. F. Maloy officiated....Miss A. G. Williams, of Camden, S. C., spent Thanksgiving with her brother, Dr. T. J. Williams, Jr....Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Hardy and Mrs. G. W. Harry were the guests of Dr. A. E. Boydon Thanksgiving day.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The grand military ball on Thanksgiving given by Paletine Co. No. 1, U. R. K. of P., at Milwaukee, was one of the grandest affairs of the year. The prize drill was highly appreciated by the audience. The Palestine Co. No. 1 drilling against the John Early Lash Co. of Evanston, Ill., was won by the Milwaukee boys. Other U. R. K. of P. look out for Capt. Redd's boys....Mr. Joe Smith, one of our noteworthy citizens, is opening up a first-class restaurant and hotel at 592 East Water street. Success to you, Joe....Lieut. Robert Darden has left the city fo ra few days to visit his folks at Selma, Alabama....Mrs. Willis Bonds is sick at her residence. We wish her a speedy recovery....Mrs. Geo. Brown is visiting relatives in New York....The Freeman for sale at the Colonial newstand, 51 Martin street, L. E. Chace, proprietor, barber shop in connection.

THE WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

SOCIETY DOINGS OF THE NEGRO FOUR HUNDRED

PLANS TO ENTERTAIN DR. FITZBUTLER

Who Comes From the Philippine Islands During the Month—Whist Party for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mumphrie.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 30.—Miss Estella Webster, of Covington, Ky., was in the city last week, the guest of Miss Lizzie Shipley, of West Magazine street.

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A bouncing eleven-pound boy has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Brown, Twenty-fifth and St. Xavier.

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Miss Charity Boyd, of Frankfort, Ky., was in the city during Thanksgiving week, the guest of Miss Bessie Johnson.

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Miss Lucile Annis spent Thanksgiving in the city of Lexington, the guest of Miss Mattie Ellis.

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Misses Jaunita Adams and Katie Brown are expecting to spend their Xmas Holidays in Kansas City, Mo. On their return they will stop in the city of Chicago.

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Miss Piercy Kester entertained at whist last Friday night at her home on East Jacob street. Those present were Misses Bertha Taylor, Sunshine Meriweather, Alice Kester, Katie Brown and Jaunita Adams.

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The Rev. L. G. Jordan has gone to New York City in the interest of Foreign Mission work. He will be gone until Xmas.

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The night schools will close next week and will remain closed for five weeks.

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The Cole & Johnson show will be in the city a week later than was recently announced. They will be at the Avenue Theater the week of Dec. 26. Mr. Sam J. Corker, their advance agent, will be in the city Dec. 20.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson celebrated their fifteenth marriage anniversary on last Monday night, at their home on West Magazine street. A large number of their friends were present and Mr. nad Mrs. Johnson were the recipients of a number of handsome presents.

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One hundred dolalrs have been promised to the Episcopal Church of Our Merciful Savior by a well wisher, provided that the men of the church raise two hundred dollars by Xmas. Each man of the church is endeavoring to raise five dollars or more by Dec. 25. The writer happens to be among the number.

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It is believed that there is much harmony among the musicians of the city whose shoulders should bear the brunt of the work to receive Mdam A. Azelia Hackley, who is due in this city soon. The Treble Clef Club has for many years tried to bring the best artists in the musical world to this city. In order for this to be done there must be money enough netted to carry out their plans. It is up to the people of Louisville to turn out in large numbers to hear Madam Hackley. With the musical talent and musical genius we have in this city there is no reason why Louisville should not become a great center outside of Boston and Nashville. But we can't do it as long as a considerable portion of music lovers who are actuated by motives of petty jealousy or desire for petty revenge for past wrongs, either real or imaginary. Madame Hackley should have the support of every person that likes music. She represents the highest and best type of the race. Her voice is rich and rare, cultured and trained. She has received her training in the best conservatories in America and France. While here Madam Hackley will be the guest of Mrs. Lavenai Watson Cooper, and a number of social affairs have been planned in her honor. With the cordial support and co-operation of every musician and music lover, working toward a common renaissaince, we hope for better things among the musicians hereafter.

It is to be regretted that there are a few musicians in this city who are unable to stand criticism. The newspaper or its representatives have a right to pass their cosciencious opinion on all actors and singers. This has been done ever since actors appeared on the stage, and its late now for those in t hepublic eye to corner the market of public criticism. Say what you will, the press will have its say.

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Miss Maggie Marriman, of 1219 Madison street, was married last Wednesday night to Mr. Richard Irvin by the Rev. J. C. Anderson. Only immediate friends were present at the ceremony.

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Dr. James H. Fitzbutler, the noted physician, is expected to visit this city on Dec. 15. Dr. Fitzbutler is one of the most brilliant and successful men that ever went out of Kentucky, and those who know him, and they are legions; will gladly welcome him to his native state. For the past five years he has been a governmental physician in the Philippine Islands, and comes to Louisville on a furlough. Dr. Fitzbutler is a graduate of the Central High School, Louisville National Medical College ad the medical department of Chicago University. Just now the climate in Kentucky is very attractive, the elections are over and Kentucky is in fine spirit for Christmas. This is an ideal season to visit and enjoy Kentucq hospitality. Already a number of dinners, baquets, stags, receptions and other social functions are being planned for the "dear" doctor, and most likely he will have a good time and his stay indifinite. Louisivillians and his classmates welcome the doctor home.

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The social Xmas calendar is expected to be extremely large this year. Several

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General News

PHILLIP'S RECEPTION.

D. WELLINGTON BERRY.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 13.—The reception tendered Dr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Phillips, Jr., last Saturday, here by the groom's parents, Bishop and Mrs. C. R. Phillips, at their beautiful residence, "Sunshine," on Twelfth avenue, north, was the most prettily planned and altogether charming social function had during the present season in Nashville. The marriage of Dr. and Mrs. Phillips, who was Miss Edna Martha French, of Chicago, Ill., was solemized in the latter city Wednesday evening, November 10th.

The Phillips' Mansion presented a gorgeous appearance with its elaborate decorations with a profusion of ferns, evergreens, lilies and pink and white chrysanthemums, the prevailing colors being green, ping and white.

The deep green colors brought out the delicate pink of the large chrysanthemums as the lights shown softly through a mist of pink tullebows and smilax while the brightness and beauty of the evening outside reflected in the prettily decorated receiving rooms and added to the picturesqueness of the whole affair.

The lace colored table in the spacious dining room was most appropriately and artistically decorated, covered with Clumy lace. It had for the floral centerpiece a great basket filled with specimen yellow chrpsanthemums, the handle of which was tied with a butterfly bow of dewdrop tulle of the same shade. This was sentinelled by the colonial silver candlesticks burning pink and white tapers under silver filagree shades. Pink and white were the dominant tones of the decorative scheme in the luncheon appointments.

The guest list numbered over 200 of Nashville's aristocracy, and from the immediate vicinity as well as many notables from distant sections of the country.

Among those who assisted in the reception of the guests were: Mesdames H. ception of the guests were Mesdames H. T. Noel, S. W. Crosthwait, F. A. Stewart, Geo. A. Shelton, of Chicago, Ill.; and Dr. J. T. Phillips, who acted as master of ceremonies. These were also assisted by Dr. E. W. Bates, Dallas, Texas; Dr. E. Johnson, Omaha, Neb.; and Misses Amita B. Scott, Ida White, Clara Hodgkins, Ladye E. Phillips, Maggie Irvin, Genevia Bradley, El Paso, Texas; Princes Custis, Hot Springs, Ark.; Lucy Phillips and Bessie Ducker, Atlanta, Ga.

The flower girls were Misses Carrie Napier, Jennie L. Anderson, Hattie Hodgkins and Lottie Phillips.

A few among the many very costly presents received by Dr. and Mrs. Phillips were from Meharry Club, founded by Dr. Phillips in 1904, a five-foot pure marble stand; Fisk Literary Club, faculty and alumni, large solid gold coffee urn; Walden faculty and alumni, Mount Mellic Dresser scarf; Bishop and Mrs. Phillips, rammed brass bed and mahogany suit; Mr. an Mrs. John B. French, Chicago, Ill., china set, silver urn and battenburg. The gifts, numbering several hundred, comprises a list of presents estimated at a small fortune, and the collection together is one of the most exquisice ever given a Nashville nuptial party.

At the Phillips residence here during the week hundreds of telegrams congratulatory to the young couple were delivered from all over the country, including the following cities: Washington, D. C. New York City, Pittsburg, Pa., Atlanta, Ga., Indianapolis, Ind., St. Louis, Mo., Omaha, Neb., Milwaukee, Wis., St. Paul, Minn., Boston and Muskegee, Okla.

The birde and groom will be at home at Tyler, Texas, after December 15th, where Dr. Phillips holds a chair in Phillips University.

THE BEE ADVISES JACK JOHNSON.

The Washington Bee, in its editorial columns of Nov. 6, flings a little advice at ack Johnson in a way that is good for anybody. The Bee thinks that Johnson is wasting too much money in automobiles and courts, for speeding, and gains its information to that effect from the press dispatches that appear each day in the big dailies. We think The Bee wise in informing us that "Mr. Johnson will not be without friends so long as he has plenty of money, but the moment he is without money he will be minus friends. "It is your friends," the article goes on to say, "Mr. Johnson, who tell you of your faults, and your enemies are those who are always willing and ready to eat you up." True enough; but don't you think that as long as The Bee has been running it should, in thirty years, be wise to the press agents. Today the papers might have him broke, tomorrow have him buying a gold mine. Last week a certain big daily printed in a single column two dispatches widely different each from the other. One stated that Jack had bought $11,000 worth of real estate in Chicago and the other pointed out the fact that he was nearly or about broke from paying fines and buying automobiles, and therefore forced to accept any sort of theatrical engagement. But the fact of the matter is, no one knows what and how Jack is handling his money but Mr. Johnson. Such articles as we see in the papers, that speak well or ill of him, are sent out to keep his popularity up. Of course we do not claim that there is not a bit of truth in any of it, but we do say that a good deal of it is "rubber streched,"

USE THE EDITORIAL WASTE-BASKET!

President R. W. Thompson, of the National Negro Press Association, issues an official warning to the journals of the race throughout the country to make careful note of all alleged "news letters," purporting to come from Washington, D. C., and to refuse space to any correspondence that does not bear the name of the writer. Such signatures are "not necessarily for publication, but a guarantee of good faith." A number of mischief-making letters have gone out from unknown persons at the national capital, and well-meaning editors have given them a place in their columns, thinking them bona fide conveyors of reliable news of the political, social or religious situation. No correspondent of good intentions will circulate "wild-cat" rumors under cover, and much trouble has been caused by the acceptance of matter sent out anonymously from Washington, ofttimes to the embarrassment of regular crorespondentents who take the pains to verify their statements and assume responsibility for the same by using their own signatures. It is suggested that the time-honored rule against anonymous communications be rigidly enforced.

REMEBERING JOHN BROWN.

The New England Suffrage League asks the colored race to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of John Brown's execution. Will we continually forget that John Brown's act was treasonable from a govednmental point of view? To the race he was a saint, if we may say such a thing, and as such he should be revered. It is doubtful if his example should be encouraged, however, by great demonstrations, since the act per se, rather than what it stood for, would be emphasized, teaching the lesson of force. It is wrong to think of Brown as a martyr, and thus seek to perpetuate the idea; he was a humanitarian who in his zeal struck at the laws of his country, sought to bring about a rebellion—a thing of the kind which did follow, and with a more fearful consequence.

To us it appears that the famous old man should be quietly loved as he was lovable; the sun has ne'er again shone on his like. He boosted the cause of freedom, but for all that he was an enemy to the government, and died as all such as he will ever do when caught in the act of tearing down the governmental establishment. The laws of a country are not always respected by all people. We have many instances of the kind where the mob rules. Perhaps this very thing of mob rule tends to make less of John Brown's offense. This should not be. The crime and the penalty is plain in either event. That justice fails is due to men who subvert and defeat the intent, making for the plea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. There is no way to preach John Brown to martyrdom; he fell fighting for us, but also fighting his country. The love of him, or for him, should not disguise the facts in the matter.

Then in quiet remembrance it should be, for that grand old character whose right was set above the laws, and whose final Arbiter, we hope, adjudged him by the intent rather than by the infraction of the laws of imperfect men. But as dwellers in the lowly vale, order and law must be conformed to, or else we will not have a well-regulated society.

INCONSISTENCY OF THE WASHINGTON BEE.

(From the Star, Newport News, Va.)

We are quite amused, sometimes, at the inconsistencies we see in some newspapers.

In glancing over the columns of the Bee, Washington, D. C., we note that the editor stated that "The Bee, like the Tribune, is opposed to a correspondent being at the head of an editorial press association. The Bee feels that if Dr. Washington or Mr. Scott had been consulted, neither would have selected Mr. Thompson," and right under this article appears an editorial squib which says: "The reason the Negro is not a factor in this country is because he is not united."

From what we can understand, the selection of Mr. Thompson as president was made by a number of bona fide newspapers editors. Why, then, should Dr. Washington or Mr. Scott be considered in the premises? Neither of these gentlemen are connected with any newspaper as editors that we know of.

There is one thing that we certainly do believe—that both of them believe in organization.

If the Bee and the Tribune had an interest in uniting the race, why did they not attend the convention and select some one who is not a correspondent?

How do you expect "the Negro to be a factor in this country" when you attack the efforts he makes to unite the race?

It should not matter one whit who is the head of the press association, so he is a man that has the interest of the Negro newspapers at heart, and certainly neither the Bee nor the Tribune will gainsay the fact that Mr. Thompson has as much interest in the uplift of the Negro newspaper as any Negro in the country, and, we daresay, he will do as much to unite the newspapers of the race as any man who could have been selected.

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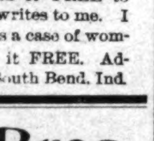

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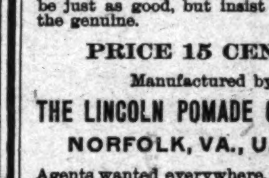

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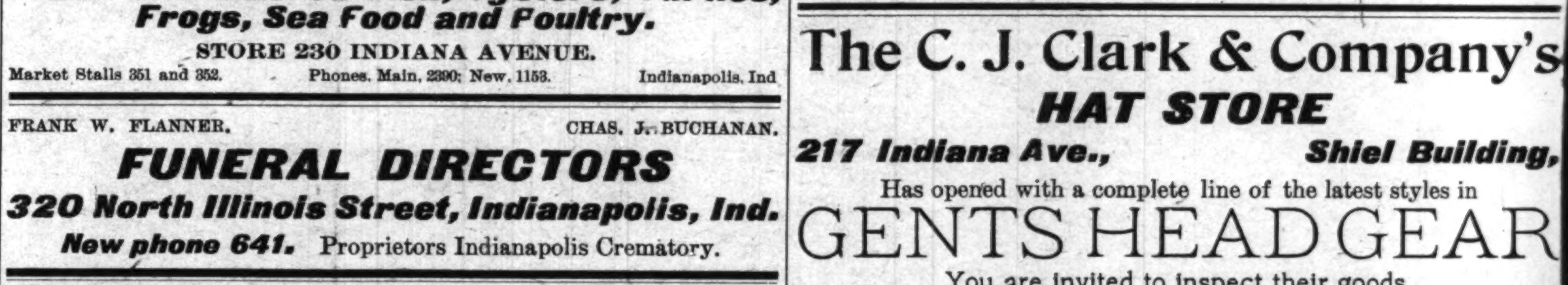

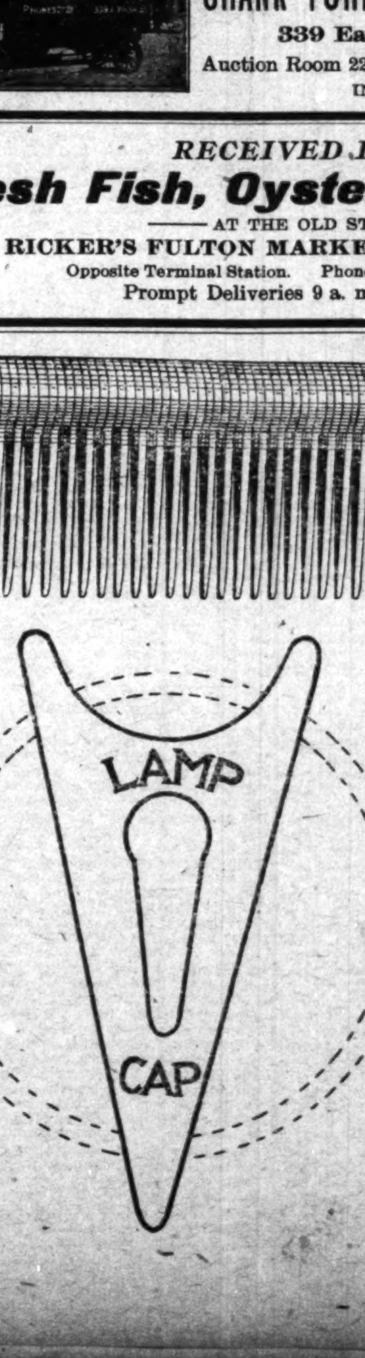

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Seven Days' Journey Across Virginia

By Booker T. Washington,
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In the year 1872 I made a journey across the mountains from my home at Malden, W. Va., on my way to school at Hampton Institute, Virginia. There was no railway across the mountain at that time, and as I was too poor to travel by stage, I made most of the 'journey on foot.

I was reminded of this journey of many years before when, a few weeks ago, in company with a party of a dozen or more colored men, who are interested in education in different parts of the South, I made the same journey, only in the opposite direction, traveling this time on the recently completed Virginia Railway. In company with the party I have mentioned I spent seven days in going from one end of this line to the other in a special train, kindly furnished by the officers of the railway company.

This railway, which begins at Norfolk, Va., and runs a distance of 450 miles across the State and through the mountains to Deepwater, W. Va., is remarkable in that it is the longest railway in the world constructed and owned by one man.

The Virginia Railway, let me add, was something more than an ordinary business investment to Mr. H. H. Rogers. For several years past it absorbed a very large part of his time and attention, and he took great pride in having it as complete and perfect in every respect as money and engineering skill could make it. He not only expected it would be a valuable investment, but as the line of the road runs for a considerable distance through territory that has not hitherto been reached by any other railway, he hoped that it would bring back prosperity, population and happiness to a neglected part of the country.

It is a singular fact that, greatly as he was interested in this enterprise which absorbed so large a part of his private fortune, Mr. Rogers never saw the Virginia Railway until it was completed.

Immediately after his return from going over the road for the first time Mr. Rogers told me, now that the road was finished, he wanted to do something to help the colored people in the region through which the railway passed.

With this in view he asked me to make this journey over his new road for the purpose of studying the condition of the colored people and of suggesting to him what might be done to improve them.

The plans for a seven days' trip were very carefully studied out. Details were arranged by Mr. Raymond DuPuy, the Vice-President and General Manager of the railroad, and Major R. R. Moton, of Hampton Institute. The program provided that I should make speeches at the different stops along the line. Most of the meetings were held in the open air. Frequently, where out schedule would permit us to stop for only a few moments, I spoke from the rear platform of the train. At other times, where there was a building large enough to accommodate the crowd, I spoke within doors. I think we made on an average about eight meetings a day, and it is safe to say that during that period I spoke to 75,000 or 100,000 people.

The first meeting was held in the Grandby Theater at Norfolk, Va. The building, which was equally divided between the white and colored people, was crowded from bottom to top. The acting chairman of the Board of Education of Norfolk presided.

I always feel that something is accomplished whenever it is possible to bring together in the South an audience composed of white people and black people.

It is important that the two races should keep separate in those matters in which their desires and ambitions are different; it is just as important that they should get together upon those fundamental matters in which the interests of both races are the same.

The cordial and enthusiastic reception which our party received in the conservative city of Norfolk was a good omen for the remainder of the journey.

From Norfolk, the Virginia Railway runs almost directly westward across the State of Virginia. Just before reaching the West Virginia line it plunges into the mountains, passing through a wild country almost untouched by civilization, many parts of which are romantically beautiful.

In the course of our seven days' journey from tidewater to the mountains we saw not only every kind of soil, but every kind of people that make up the population of the two Virginias. In some of the towns through which we passed, for instance, more than half of the population were black people. In some of the other towns there was hardly a colored man to be seen. Everywhere, however, we received the same cordial welcome.

In their occupations the people along the railway may be divided into several classes: First, truck gardeners; second, peanut raisers; third, tobacco growers; fourth, coal miners. As to the social character of the people, they may be divided into descendants of the old Southern artistocratic white families of Virginia, colored farmers and miners, white mountain people and white foreigners.

In several parts of the country which were prosperous before the war a large portion of both the white and the colored population have removed to the larger towns.

Outside of the larger citie slike Norfolk, Suffolk, Salem and Roanoke, Va., instance, there are, or were, according to the census of 1900, not more than half a million people in the twenty-three counties through which we passed. Of this number about two-fifths are colored. In the more easterly counties, where th greater part of this population is found, more than half of the people are colored. In some of the more westerly cities there are almost no colored people outside of the towns.

Leaving Norfolk at noon on Monday, June 21, we held our second meeting along the line of the railway at Suffolk, a town of about twenty thousand inhabitants, and the headquarters of the peanut industry of America. Almost all the work in the peanut factories in and about this city is done by Negro women.

At Suffolk we were on the edge of the Great Dismal Swamp, a place that has always interested me because of the many strang and romantic stories of slavery days that are connected with that region. On arriving at the station in Suffolk we were met by the mayor of the city, the members of the city council an a delegation of the colored people at the head of a vast crowd of interested spectators. The meeting was held in the open air, and was attended, according to an estimate by one of the newspapers, b over 6,000 people, among them the mayor, the county officers and members of the city council. Thousands of colored people came in from all the surrounding territory to attend this meeting.

Our next meeting was at a little town of Jarrit, which is in Northampton county, a few miles from the town of Courtland, where the notable Nat Turner, the Negro insurrectionist, was hanged in 1831. For the most part we stopped from this time on only at the railway stations. In this way we were able to meet a much larger number of people an accomplish a great deal more in the same time than we would have otherwise have been able to do.

In regard to the character of the colored farmers whom we met in the course of this journey, I can say that while there seemed to be fewer men owning larg plantations of five hundred or a thousand acres than among some of the other Southern States, the number of small owners is much larger and the price per acre is considerably above what it is, for instance, in Alabama.

A circumstance which added much to the interest of these meetings was the singing by the colored people, under the leadership of Major Moton, of the old plantation songs. It was strangely moving to hear throngs of colored people, sometimes early in the morning and sometimes late at night, singing, "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray," "Climbing Jacob's Ladder," or "Oh Freedom," as they gathered in thousands outside our coach.

At several points it was evident that the colored people had forgotten these songs or were perhaps ashamed of them. In such cases Major Moton would frequently wait until they had sung in a kind of half-hearted way one or two gospel hymns; then he would make a little speech in which he sought to impress the people with the fact that they had something of their own which was better than gospel hymns. After that he would lead off with one of the songs, which all of the colored people had some time known, and presently the whole throng would break out in a mighty chorus, singing the old songs of slavery days. I can hardly describe the effect which these songs produced, for, as Major Moton frequently said, in the coures of his little speeches, there is one thing which colored people can always do better than white people, and that is in the singing of their own songs.

At Christianburg, Va., where the Christianburg Institute, under the principalship of Mr. E. A. Long, is located, and at Lawrenceville, where the St. Paul's Normal and Industrial Institute is located, under Archdeacon James S. Russell, we had an opportunity to observe the influence of industrial education in creating a higher type of colored people and in convincing white people that the education of the Negro was worth while.

Our train stopped several miles from Lawrenceville and Christiansburg, requiring a ride of five or six miles through the country in each case in order to reach these schools. Our party was escorted from the train to both these places by a picturesque cavalcade of fine-looking colored men, well mounted on horses, in most cases, as I learned, owned by themselves.

I was interested to note in visiting these schools that in both cases the people in these respective communities seemed to be as much interested in the progress of thes institutions as the colored people themselves. Among the prominent people at Christiansburg were the Hon. John R. Johnson and Ex-Governor Tyler, who, with a party of friends, came a distance of fifteen miles to be present at this meeting.

At nearly every point at which we stopped we met men and women sent out by Hampton Institute, some of whom had been teaching in these little country communities for twenty-five years. Though very little has been heard of these people it is evident that, in a quiet way, they were making themselves felt in the uplifting of their race in the communities in which they had settled. In doing this they had succeeded also in gaining the confidence of the white people, and had materially aided in maintaining good relations between the races. I have never met greater evidences of the value of such work as is bing done at Hampton, Tuskegee, Lawrenceville and other places that I found on this trip.

While it is not possible for me to speak in detail of all the places that we visited during the seven days that we were on the road, I might take Kenbridge, Va., as a typical illustration of the new communities that have sprung up within the last few years along the line of the new railway. Here our meeting was held in a large tobacco warehouse, where, perhaps, three thousand people were congregated. The moving spirit and evident head in this new community was a gentleman who was introduced to me by the name of Mr. D. T. Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy is a fine type of the better class of Southern white men. He is a graduate, as I learn, of the agricultural and mechanical college of Blacksburg, Va., and is, perhaps, about thirty years of age. He told me that after he was through school he had traveled over a good part of the western country, seeking a place to begin his life work. He finally decided that he could not do better than to settle down in Virginia, where he was born and bred, and build up a community—a community, he added, in which both black and white people should have an opportunity to make all that they could out of themselves.

Although Kenbridge is only two years old, there must be between two and three thousand people living there at the present time, most of them a high typ of Southern white people. Already this town has a bank, stores, schools and other public institutions which would be a credit to any community. There are several colored merchants who are conducting stores that are frequently quite as creditable as those of their white neighbors.

Mr. Kennedy told me that whenever a new industry was started in the town, colored people were always given a chance to invest money in it. Mr. Kennedy said also that he and the other white people felt proud of the class of colored people that had been led to settle in their community. In spite of the fact that the town was new and that many of the people were strangers to each other, I was told that there was very little crime of any character in the community and almost no friction between the races.

During our whole journey across Virginia there was but one serious disappointment. The Virginia Railway runs to within a few miles of Hale's Ford, Franklin county, Virginia, where I was born. At the special request of the people in that community a meeting was to be held at the nearest point to Hale's Ford that we touched. There were present at this meeting the grandson of the man who used to own me, together with two of my former master's daughters and a number of other friends and relatives. Owing to an accident which delayed our train for several hours, we were unable to reach the meeting until late at night. Notwithstanding this fact, my brother, John H. Washington, who was with the party, and I had the privilege of shaking hands with Mr. S. C. Burroughs, the grandson of my former master. Although, as I have said, it was late at night when we reached the point where the meeting was to be held, Mr. Burroughs let us know in the darkness how heartily he welcomed us back into th community which we had left when mere boys.

One of our meetings was held near the home of Patrick Henry. A good many of his descendants live in that vicinity still. While there I had the pleasure of shaking hands with the great grandson of the famous Revolutionary orator and patriot. The little fellow was brought to our train by his parents in order that I might see him.

After holding a large meeting at Salem, the seat of Roanoke College, we soon passed from Old Virginia into West Virginia. In doing this we passed from the farming district into the coal mining district; where we met a new kind of industry and a new kind of people. As a boy, in the years just previous to going to Hampton Institute, I had worked among the miners in these same mountains through which we were passing. My early acquaintance with the coal mining industry enabled me to talk to these miners plainly concerning their weak points and their strong potnls, concerning their present condition and their opportunities.

The miners seemed as much interested in education as were the people in the farming districts. I found that already some very noble and unselfish work had been started in several of these coal mining communities for the uplifting of the men who work in the mines, and their families. At iGatto, for example, the superintendent of the mine offers a yearly prize to the miner who keeps the best-looking house inside and out, who can show the most attractive flower garden and the cleanest premises. The first prize last year was taken by the colored minister of the community.

The last meeting on the direct line of the railway was held Sunday morning at Deepwater, where a large audience of railway men and miners were gathered. This meeting seemed to take the place of the usual church service, and was all the more interesting and impressive on that account.

Oen thing that impressed itself upon me, upon this, as upon other journeys of observation which I have taken into various parts of the country, is that, wherever I have found colored people prosperous, happy and law-abiding, I have usually found them surrounded by a community of prosperous, God-fearing, helpful and generous white people. On the contrary, where I have found my own people discontented, unthrifty and vicious, I have generally found they were surrounded by white people who were unprogressive and usually poorly educated and unrefined.

One other thought that was constantly present with me on this journey was this: At every point we touched we found, on the whole, more good than evil; at many points where we expected to find darkness we found light; at places where we expected to find no one with a large, unselfish outlook and interest in the uplifting of the masses, we found men and women, of both races, who were working hard to improve the condition of their fellows.

It was also constantly impressed upon us upon this journey that whenever our schools educate anyone, man or woman, who goes out in the world to work, somewhere, at some time he or she is going to make the community a little brighter, a little happier and a little more useful. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.
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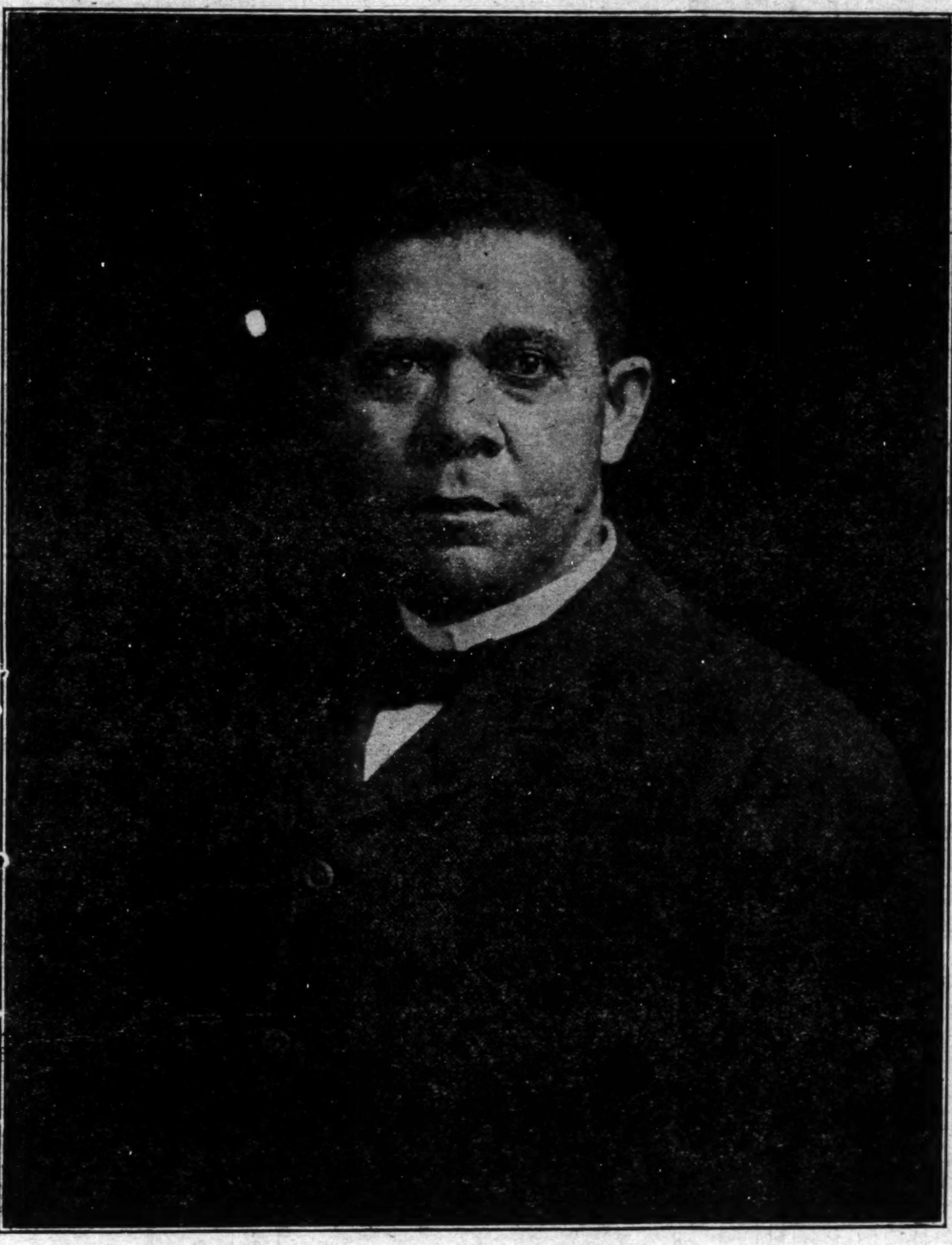

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NEW ORLEANS, LA., NEWS.

By V. P. Thomas.

Lawyer Frank B. Smith returned Saturday from Thibodaux, La., where he went to attend the funeral of his venerable old father, who died there at the age of eighty-six years. The deceased was Mr. Walter Smith, Sr., and had lived in the parish of Lafourche for forty years, going there from Alexandria, La., where he was born, and lived until he moved to Thibodaux in the latter part of 1869. Mr. Smith was the father of four sons and two daughters, all of whom are married except a daughter, Miss Marie Smith, who is livng in Chicago. Mr. Frank B. Smith is one of the best-known colored members of the bar in this city and a young man of marked ability in his profession, and is very prominent in the fraternal and colored church circles, having been for years in the higher councils of the higher councils of the Knights of Pythias as legal adviser and in other similar fraternal organizations in like capacity, and the lay delegate of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for a number of years in succession to the General Conference of that body, in which he always figured among the leaders in the direction of affairs. Lawyer Smith has a suite of offices in the Pythian Temple with Mr. John W. Cook, the manager of the great $200,000 building of the Knights on Saratoga and Gravier streets in this city. Mr. Smith's father was one of the best known colored citizens of the parish of Lafourche and was highly respected by white and black for his worth as a man and father. His remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of friends, who desired to pay their last respects to one who had been such an exemplary citizen in their midst. The old gentleman did not live in vain. In leaving this world he left behind him children who are all good citizens and worthy fellows.

GRATEFUL TO MR. KNOX.

The address of Hon. George L. Knox to Ex-Senator J. B. Foraker in behalf of the colored citizens of Alaska, and the reply of the Ex-Senator on the occasion, which were published in The Freeman of October 30, have been read and enjoyed by hundreds of people in this city. All one can hear among those who had a chanec to read what Mr. Knox said in behalf of the colored people in his address to the Senator, is that the old gentleman expressed the views and the sentiments of the whole colored race, just as he told Senator Foraker he was doing. Every word of that able and sincere expression of appreciation uttered in Mr. Knox's address seems to meet with the hearty endorsement of those who have read it among the colored people here, and he is cordially commended for the splendid manner in which he represented the views and sentiments of the race on the occasion. They say that Senator Foraker has been so constant in his devotion to the principles of justice and fair play during all his public career, and this devotion has been so unusual in so many other public men in the case of the colored men before the bar of public opinion, that the attitude of Senator Foraker toward those principles makes of him the recognized and acknowledged friend of all men who are suffering for the enjoyment of justice and fair play, and especially the friend of the Negro, who is the greatest sufferer along these lines in the land. They say if there is need of any evidence of this, Senator Foraker's reply to Mr. Knox's address amply furnished it in what he said on the occasion. One thing that is sure, colored people here all love him.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Special to The Freeman.

The funeral ceremony for Rev. Frank B. Houston, who died on the 8th inst., took place Tuesday at the First Free Mission B. C., on Adam street, of which he was pastor, and it was one of the largest ever held in this city. It began in the forenoon at 10 o'clock, and it was almost 6 in the afternoon before it was over. Twenty-five preachers and four representatives of fraternal associations with which Rev. Houston was connected spoke over his remains during the ceremony, and his body was followed to the grave by a concourse of people numbering something like fifteen hundred. The procession was led by Stringer Lodge No. 3, F. and A. M.; Pride of Louisiana Lodge, G. U. O. of O. F., No. 1529; Damon Lodge No. 1, K. of P.; Pilgrims' Tabernacle No. 4, G. G. U. O. of B. and S. of L. C., and the Sons and Daughters of Orleans. Rev. E. L. Brown was master of ceremonies. Rev. John Brown spoke on the early Christian life of Rev. Houston; Rev. Thomas Columbus on his life as a husband and father; Revs. A. Hubbs and Robt. Frazier on his life as a business man; Rev. H. C. Foster on his life as a minister of the gospel; Revs. John Marks and J. L. Burrell on his relation to the district, and Dr. R. W. Perkins (white), president of Leland University, on his life as a student. Rev. Harry Mahoney and a number of other well-known colored ministers also had a few words to say of the departed brother.... The Freeman, with all the social news of the week which its representative receives from its readers in New Orleans in time for his weekly letter, is for sale at the Astoria Hotel. Leave notes of your social affairs there not later than Friday for the next week's New Orleans letter.

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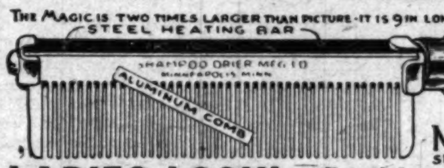

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The Freeman one year for $1.00. A Christmas present that your friends will be proud of. During the month of December you can secure same for fifty-two weeks for $1.00. Send in your order to-day.

The Freeman is the widest read Negro journal in America, and to increase its present large circulation we are offering it from now until January 1 for $1. It would be a splendid Xmas gift for relative or friend. Subscribe now; don't delay.

George L. Knox, proprietor and managing editor of The Freeman, who has a most interesting history of a life of adventures and achievements beginning in the dark days of slavery, is soon to publish his autobiography in book form. Look out for it.

If a determination to revise the robber tariff downward makes a Republican "irregular" there will be a whole lot of "irregularity" at the national capital when Congress gets into action. The plain people, regardless of color, creed or party, are for a policy that will decrease the almost impossible cost of living.

Now it is a Mr. Wellman who rises to say that Dr. Cook lies, and that the account given by Dr. Cook is an impossible realization, and thinks the Doctor must have been dreaming. We fail to see how Commander Peary is helped by such friends. This is smallness in big places. Hamans always hang on their own gallows.

Major R. R. Wright has gone sa fast as to publish the outlines of his program for the exposition celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the freedom of the Negro race. Prof. Booker T. Washington and advisors have called on the President in regard to a similar exposition. Gentlemen, you must get together somehow.

President Taft did not forget his obligation as trustee of the Negro school at Hampton, Va. He met President Frissell and other members of the board last Saturday. The President made a speech in which he spoke in praise of the work of Hampton and Tuskegee. He was accompanied by several distinguished philanthropists and educators.

A game that requires a "coat of mail" for protection means danger in the first place. Injury or death should be the least expected of any game. Twenty-six deaths up until this time. What are we Americans coming to¼ The wounded exceed a hundred. Where are we going¼ In spite of the popularity of the game it won't live much longer unless the "death rate" is greatly reduced.

It is rumored that our distinguished citizen Hon. Henry W. Furniss is to lose his job in the diplomatic corps of the United States government, not because he is not in good with the administration at Washington, but solely and mainly because some other smart Negro wants the place. Mr. Furniss ought not to be moved for that reason, and we trust he will be able to retain the position.

The State of Michigan is trying itself. A colored woman was recently refused service at a pure food show. She sued for damages. The judge decided in favor of the defendant, saying that the exhibition was by private individuals who could do as they pleased. No one, we will think, is worried over a thing like that since there's no city in America of considerable size, and where there are colored people in large numbers, where the same thing would not happen. It perhaps might not occur at a pure food demonstration, but in some way discrimination can be seen if one cares to find it. Evil we think it, yet not unmixed with good. The good is known coming by the way of race effort, a very necessary thing under the circumstances.

THE MONSTER MEETING.

Those that missed hearing W. A. Hunton, the International Y. M. C. A. secretary, at the monster meeting last Sunday, missed a grand treat. Brought within easy reach, it was scintallaciously brilliant, vivid in description, sound in doctrine, impressive in delivery, a rich, rare and racy treat. Indianapolis colored men would be better off if they would put into practice such good, wholesome advices, crystallizing the same into action in all the activities of life, thus by reason of which they could develop into a nobler and truer manhood. They were words fitly spoken and therefore "like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Our distinguished friend will always find a hearty welcome for himself by the Y. M. C. A. of this city. We know that the general secretary, Mr. Taylor, is justly proud of the occasion, for it was indeed and in truth a great treat and one that will have a lasting impression. It was remarked with what ease and facility Chairman George L. Knox, of the financial committee, lifted the splendid collection that amounted to the sum of $15 for the association's work. Mr. Hunton left the city Tuesday for Evansville, Ind.

A NEGRO EXPOSITION.

A committee of negroes headed by Booker T. Washington has called on President Taft to solicit his support for a movement which has been started by leading colored people throughout the country looking toward the holding of an exposition in 1913 to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the freedom of the negro race in America. The idea is not merely to emphasize a "day of jubilee" for an entire race, but to show the negro's progress during fifty years of freedom. The movement deserves popular encouragement and national support. As a mere commercial enterprise and project to boom particular localities the great exposition has been carried to an extreme, and we should not approve another of that kind. But this proposition is entirely different from any of the past. No other exposition, except the Centennial of 1876, has been based on as great a moral idea or represented an event of as great national importance, involving also the national honor and welfare, as the one proposed by the colored people.—Indianapolis Evening News, Nov. 23, 1909.

We thank the editor of the News for the above quoted compliment on the Washington Exposition idea. We feel it means a great deal to us when a great newspaper like the News finds time to give editorial notice and encouragement to the race's endeavor along praiseworthy lines and which, as far as the News is concerned, is at once sincere and honest. We often notice favorable and able editorial notice and defense of the race in the News, and this is so gratifying to us that we pause right here to move the distinguished editor a rising vote of thanks. We have no doubt about the success of the proposed exposition, as anything that Mr. Washington proposes or inaugurates for the best interest of the race receives a ready response from the rank and file of the race and it is a success. We wonder what objection the News has to "capping" the "N" to Negro. We are sure it wouldn't begin German, Irish or Japanese with a little letter, and the Negro race is of as much, if not more consequence to this nation. We think it must have been an oversight in the "devil" man. Are we right? We number more than ten millions of people in the United States of America and besides the strict rules of grammar justify our contention.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Finnely have announced the marriage of their niece, Goldie Mae, to Mr. Thurston Rowan....The Mt. Zion Baptist Church is progressing very rapidly. The foundation has been dug and work begun Monday....Messrs. Manning, Rowan, Howell and Artis gave a dance at American Hall, Thursday, November 25. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. Belle Morgan, Mrs. Cromwell, Mr. and Mrs. Rettie, also quite a number from Niles, Grand Rapids and Elkhart. After the dance they were invited to the Coterie Club, where refreshments were served....Mr. Henry Russel is improving....St. Peter's Lodge No. 31, F. & A. M., will have its election of officers the first Tuesday evening in December. All are requested to be present. The O. D. T. Club met at Mrs. Hines' last Friday....Mrs. Lena Hubbard and Mrs. Susie Williams, of Indianapolis, spent Thanksgiving in Chicago....Mr. G. W. Bland, head waiter of the Oliver Hotel, entertained a few ladies at the Coterie Club Thanksgiving evening....Mr. William Manning, second waiter at the Oliver Hotel, is on the sick list....Miss Nallie Snead, who has ben on the sick list, is up again, and was able to spend Thanksgiving in Dowagiac, accompanied by Mr. Clark....Rev. Puller, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, has just returned from a short trip to Indianapolis....The New Hotel at Mishawaka has employed colored waiters, and Mr. James Crawford is head waiter. ....Miss Edith Johnson, of Niles, Mich., is soon to be married, and Miss Hazel Johnson, of Mishawaka, is to act as bridesmaid....Mr. Eli Stewart is improving....Mr. Stedman Smith is seriously ill at his home on South Williams street....Mrs. W. M. Manning, Mrs. G. W. Bland and Mrs. J. W. Wade will leave for Chicago Friday morning to see "The Red Moon" and to visit their friends....The entertainment given at the Mt. Olivet A. M. E. Church by "Blind Harris" was well attended.

FLINT, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. B. Jones spend Sunday and Monday in Detroit, Mich....The Thanksgiving dinner at the A. M. E. Church given by the stewardesses was a success financially....Mr. William Hoyle spent Thanksgiving in Detroit....Mr. W. M. Johnson spent Sunday in Detroit....Dr. E. T. Beck was the guest of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Beck, a few days last week....Messrs. T. W. Taylor, of Howell, Mich., and Attorney Francis H. Warren, of Detroit, attended a meeting of the Michigan Co-operative Realty Company in the city last Friday.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Thanksgiving was generally observed in the metropolis by all classes of pearsons at the churches, clubs, halls, and at several country homes, where parties were royally entertained, and all gave thanks to the Almighty and partook of the toothsome menu here and there prepared for their guests. Altogether it is the verdict of all that it was a peaceful day and no rioting and roughness throughout the city...Elihu Mason is home from Portland. Speaking of the vast difference here and there towards our people, it will be of much interest to many to see Mr. Mason, as he can help those who intend going West this winter and spring....Russell Winn is home, after being away all the fall....All thirty-second degree Masons will do themselves justice in Texas to address P. H. Humphreys, corner Elm and Gammar streets, to keep up with the business of the various houses thees days....Mr. Nelson Jones and family have reoccupied their Cochran street property....Mr. and Mrs. P. Goss have moved to Garland....Mr. and Mrs. William Howard, at Farmers' Branch, entertained the following as their guests from the city Thursday and Friday: Misses Haynes, Rochon, Curry, Houston, Sutton and Sutton, Griffin and Welborn....J. H. Drake, the barber, is now at 695½ East Elm street....The many friends of Mrs. Juanettie Fuqua Fuller will be greatly surprised to read the sad news of her death, which occurred last Saturday morning. Her loving disposition endeared her to those she came in contact with. Her range of friends in school and church will miss her. Services were held at New Hope Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. Many resolutions were read, and the floral offerings were most beautiful. Dr. Jackson, pastor, was assisted by many in these services, owing to the high esteem the deceased and her family are held in here. Interment was at Oaklawn Cemetery, where many sorrowing friends viewed her the last time. ....Miss Mary Taylor entertained quite a number of her friends at her home to a Thanksgiving feast of many good things of the season, and the evening was enjoyably spent by all....John McCain is up, to the delight of his friends....Marshall Howard is improving....Stokes Issorial and others entertained at Griffin's cafe a party of the famous Richards & Pringle's Minstrels, Monday. An enjoyable time was had in the party while here....Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilburn dined Mr. and Mrs. Steele and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Griffin Thanksgiving to an eight-course dinner, after which the evening was enjoyably spent in olden time raillery and jokes, which were enjoyed by all....Now is the time to subscribe while it is only $1 for twelve months. Send in your advertisements for the Christmas edition. Now is the time.

NEW ORLEANS NEWS NOTES.

By V. P. THOMAS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The colored people of the Crescent City seem to be on the eve of getting together and throwing their support to race enterprises. Up to the present time there has not been any sign of any honest desire on the part of the colored people to stand behind race undertakings with their shoulders to the wheels pushing with faith in the ability and confidence in the integrity of the promoters of the enterprises launched in the name of the race by colored individuals. The cooperative spirit which is so necessary to the foundation of undertakings intended to live by the co-operation of a people has always been too half-hearted and lacking in energy in the past, and the consequence was that only promoters of rare abilities ever succeeded in their undertakings among the colored people of New Orleans. But times and conditions are changing, and race prejudice is doing for the race what the race has neglected to do for itself in the matter of enterprises. Those who have been calling themselves the leaders of the colored people have been more to be blamed for this lack of cooperative spirit than the masses, for it is a fact that no truthful man or woman will attempt to deny, the so-called leaders, with a few exceptions, themselves have always been the hindmost in supporting the enterprises of colored people. They have acted always as if they thought that what a colored person had to offer at his business counter was not good enough for them to buy. They have acted the same way toward their own race in the professions. How many of them ever employed the services of colore dphysicians, colored dentists and colored pharmacists? How many of them employed colored undertakers and embalmers to put away their dead? Colored physicians, colored dentists, colored druggists and colored undertakers and embalmers have not been good enough for them; they always had to get the services of white people in those professions. The masses whom they call their followers have always been around when they were doing those things, and could not help seeing for themselves how the leaders regard colored people in those same professions, with the result that what they saw the leaders do they in turn would do too whenever they wanted the services of physicians, dentists, druggists and undertakers, until the latter got busy and either organized the masses into benevolent and mutual societies or joined such societies as members in order to have a chance to know the people and to serve them. A good many prominent colored people of New Orleans act against the race yet in the same way, under the belief that it does not become a big man to patronize people of their own race, if that race happen to be the poor colored race. Race prejudice, however, is forcing a large number to break away from their old "passing-for-white" habit. They are being made to feel that the opinion among the whites is well expressed in the saying, "All 'coons looks alike to me," in their case as in the case of any other Negro, and that the best thing for them to do is to "shinny on their own side," if they would avoid raw and summary insults.

Anyway, there are better signs now of the colored people getting together in support of race enterprises than ever.

The latest indication of the uniting of the colored people in support of race enterprises is the rally on the night of November 18 of about fifty prominent colored men in Economy Hall to co-operate in the launching of the People's Benevolent Industrial Life Insurance Company, of which Walter L. Cohen is president, L. J. Joubert vice-president and Ed Barnes secretary-treasurer.

The freedom in expression of opinion and views uttered in the speeches delivered and the genuine enthusiasm voiced by the members of the advisory board over the prospects of success of the enterprise were an assurance that the co-operative spirit was no longer asleep here, and would give a good account of itself from now on.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Anna I. Adams is taking a business course at Hess Business College, but owing to ill health she will return to Jeffersonville, Ind., until after the holidays. Miss Adams is a brilliant young lady, and will make her mark in life. As soon as she has completed her course she has a position waiting....At the Orpheum Theater Cook and Stevens, two colored comedians, have an entertaining offering, in which one impersonates a Chinaman and the other a rough Negro....Mrs. Belle Graves, who has been attending the Biennial Missionary Convention at Cleveland, Ohio, has returned, after having visited various cities in Ohio and Illinois. Mrs. Graves returned with the banner, as the Iowa Conference raised the largest sum of money for foreign missions. Mrs. Graves is one of the most brilliant women in the Northwest, and Rev. H. S. Graves admits that she is the real backbone of all his ambitious traits....The members of Pilgrim Baptist Church met last week and decided to call Rev. E. H. McDonald, of Olney Street Baptist Church, Providence, R. I. Rev. S. P. Cheer, of Missouri, will fill the pulpit until the regular pastor comes....Negroes in St. Paul who need charity will roll in luxury this winter, as there was a charity ball given on the 29th for the Crispus Attucks Home, and one on the 30th given under the auspices of The Catholic Ladies....The Sunday afternoon meetings conducted at the West End Branch Y. W. C. A. are growing in interest. Each Sunday afternoon there is a very inteersting program. Some speaker from the Central Association is always at hand to deliver an interesting address. Last week a piano was installed, and Miss Birdella Harris has consented to act as pianist. Misses Genevieve Ford and Miss Beatrice Phelps rendered instrumental and vocal solos. On each Friday night the Literary Club will meet. At present the class will make a study of Shakespeare's "The Tempest."....Last week the Mite Missionary Club had a very pleasant meeting at the home of Mesdames Crawford and Black....Mrs. Monroe Duncan and daughter, Miss Anna, have returned from a nextened visit in Kentucky. ....Mr. Burton Jones, an old citizen, died and was buried from Lyle's undertaking parlors on November 26....The union Thanksgiving services were very poorly attended at Pilgrim Baptist Church. Rev. H. S. Graves preached a very scholarly and instructive sermon. Rev. S. P. Cheers also gave us a spicy talk along race lines....Mrs. I. C. Raymond is quite ill. Her father, Mr. Tinsley, of Jacksonville, Ill., came last week....Give your order to Henry Crawford for the magnificent Christmas number, and tell your friends to buy one.

WEST BADEN, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

The Knights of Pythians, Prosphine Lodge No. 27, of French Lick, gave their fifth annual banquet Thanksgiving night, at their hall, and it proved to be one of the swellest ever given in Orange county. The ladies all turned out in their princess and trails, and the men in their Tuxedos and full dress. Dinner was served in courses, and the writer would like to say that they were not the least stingy in serving. There was plenty of Turkey, cranberries, mashed potatoes, peas in cups, ice cream, oyster cocktail and punch. Everybody went away happy, thankin gthe K. of P.'s and hoping for another soon....The people of West Baden and French Lick appreciate entertainments that are given with class. And there are many who hope to see the time that they will be more privately....Mrs. Jessie Bell wishes the public to known that she is not a member of the Pleasure Seekers' Club. Through a misunderstanding it was stated in this paper a few weeks ago that she was....Miss Emma Ashford and mother are the guests of Mrs. Mayme Wing, on New Broadway. A buggy ride and two whist parties has been the entertainments for Miss Ashftord the past week. ....Mr. William Bell took Thanksgiving dinner with his mother, Mrs. Bell, on Cedar avenue, in Louisville....Mrs. Azalia Pollard, who has been suffering with hysteria for the past six months, is very much better and will soon be announced as well....Miss Ida Webster has rteurned after a week's stay in Louisville....Mr. and Mrs. Furn Morgan spent Thanksgiving at their homes, Mrs. Morgan taking dinner on her father's farm in New Castle, Ind., while her husband was taking care of the turkey at his siser Minerva's, in Anderson....Mr. Harris, wife and baby left Friday for Ohio. Mrs. Nannie Waddy entertained Mrs. Brown, Stockdale, Miller, Fitzgerald, Smith, Miss H. Scott and Lula Burks, Friday night, Nov. 26. There was plenty of lunch served and also a little "Tonic Punch."...Mrs. Cornish gave a candy pulling for the Willing Workers and cleared $6....Ed Rogers will spend Sunday in Louisville.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Zion Baptist and Bethesda Baptist Churches held union Thanksgiving services at Zion Baptist Church, Thursday of last week, in the morning....Mrs. Rosetta L. Thornton, president of the Busy Bee Industrial Club of Zion Baptist Church, with her corps of members, had charge of the dinner at the church Thanksgiving day. Mrs. Thornton is planning to give a cantata during the Christmas holidays....The B. L. A. Club gave a party in honor of its 1909 football team, Wednesday evening of last week, at the home of Mr. Smith, 2812 Ninth avenue South. Every player who had played this year was presented with their B. A. C. monogram. Nearly every member of the B. C. C. Club's team of St. Paul were over, and a very enjoyable evening was spent....Mrs. Ada Beasley, of 2817 Chicago avenue, who has been sick for several weeks, is improving slowly....Any one desiring a Christmas number of THE FREEMAN please inform Mr. James Wilson, the agen for THE FREEMAN in this city.

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Mrs. John Parker, of 719 Kinistino avenue, has adopted that beautiful four-year-old son of Mr. Lemuel Payne....Mr. Allen Bradshaw is making use of his idle moments by taking guitar lessons....Mr. Lemuel Payne was slightly injured by a piece of coal falling and striking him on the knee, but after laying off one day was able to proceed with his mining....In a letter just received from Walter W. Jefferson, a homesteader near Entwistle, well known in Edmonton, he says that all in his community are well and enjoying the wonderful climate. He reports his oldest son, Walter, though, has had typhoid fever, but is well now. He also says that the Grand Trunk Pacific will run close by him this winter, and that a new postoffice, "Kirk," has been established in his immediate vicinity....Mr. Gaines, of Winnipeg, has established a second-hand store in Sackatoon, Saskatchewan, and is doing nicely....Will Green, formerly of Minneapolis, but now of Calgary, writes that he is building several houses in Calgary and vicinity. Mr. Green expects to make Western Canada his home....W. J. Wilson, of Winnipeg, was in the city last week on the initial run of the Grand Trunk Pacific's service into Edmonton. Mr. Wilson, on his return to Winnipeg, leaves for Eastern Canada, where he will then go to Palm Beach, Florida, for the winter. A rumor is about that he is taking this trip on a honeymoon....Major Harston, formerly of Edmonton, but now of Winnipeg, was in the city last week. Mr. Harston is a chef on an official's car on the Grand Trunk Pacific....Clifford Mitchell, together with his neighbor, William Hagman, have made a skating rink, sixty by sixty, on the two vacant lots between their respective residences....Leave all news matter, advertisements, subscriptions, changes of address, or any complaint of not receiving THE FREEMAN, etc., with Clifford C. Mitchell, the Edmonton correspondent. Call 240 Jasper avenue East, 'phone 1637, or address P. O. Box 845.

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THE WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

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clubs are planning to give functios that are to surpass former efforts. A number of visitors are also expected in the city and the hosts will do the "beautiful thing" in entertaining their guests.

The Young Men's Progressive League, Rymth's, Entre Nous and other clubs have secured the hall for Christma fsunctions. Most likely this will be one of the gayest years socially that the young people have experienced for a number of years.

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A beautiful whist party was given on Thanksgiving in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Munphrie, of Evanston, Ill., by Miss Sallie Scott, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hathaway, 1213 West Chestnut street. tA the progressive whist tables Mr. William Sanders won the first prize and Miss Lyda Johnson second. Beautiful decorated candlestisks were given the guests. Covers were laid for the following persons: Dr. and Mrs. Richard Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ethly, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Young, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Munphrie, Mrs. Lavenai Cooper, Misses Lyda Johnson, Lottie eBaver, Josephine Kelly, Marretta Pickens, Lottie Herndon, Mesdames Luella Herndon, Minnie Jackson, Georgia Shipley, Miss Carrie Anderson, Messrs. Clint Martin, eGorge Mills, Spencer Taylor, Ed Penick, William Sanders and Benj. Winlock.

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Prof. Francis Marion Wood, principal of the Lebanon Colored High School, was in the city this week, making arrangements for the holding of the State Teachers' Association at Frankfort, during the Holidays. Misses Virgie Hughes and Mayme Maso ,nof the same place, were also in the city. Both are teachers in the public schools of Lebanon.

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Prof. B. T. Williams, who is engaged in educational work and is located at Hampton, Va., was in the city last week and remained several days. He stopped at the Y. M. C. A., the guest of the association.

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The T. F. B. Club gave their annual social function last Friday night at Odd Fellows Hall, Thirteenth and Walnut streets. It was the most largely attended set of young people that has been given this season. They expect to give another affair during the Holidays.

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The Cane Club is preparing to give several socials during the Holidays, but their banner function will be given some time in February. It is expected to be an evening dress affair.

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The second meeting in the interest of holding the probable celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the freeing of the American Negro from slavery was held last week at the Douglass building, 726 W. Walnut street. The Rev. L. G. Jordan, president, presided at the meeting. All phases of the recent letter sent out by Dr. Booker T. Washington, calling the attention of the race to the holding of the anniversary, were gone over by the committee and unanimously endorsed. It is believed by the committee that the semi-centennial celebration would be a splendid opportunity for the white people of the Southern States to extend to the law-abiding Negro evidences of substantial encouragement in the fight he is making to sbetter his condition, and that the exposition would benefit both the whites and the Negro, in emphasizing the progress of the latter and the kindly attitude of the former.

At the meeting last week the Rev. L. G. Jordan, Cary B. Lewis and Albert E. White issued the following address to the people of Kentucky:

LETTER TO KENTUCKIANS.

"The exposition to be held by the Negroes of the country in 1913, to illustrate the progress they have made in industry, agriculture, commerce, science, art, education, civilization and general progress, is a big thing and will prove to be a tremendous success.

"The proposition has been submitted to President Taft and approved; it has been considered by some of the leading statesmen, publicists and sociologists of the country and pronounced all right; it was investigated by the recent tenth annual session of the aNtional Negro Business League in this city in August, and the fact that Dr. Booker T. Washington is heading the movement guarantees the holding of the exposition. This will be the first time in recorded history that the Negro has launched such an undertaking. After nearly three centuries' residence on American soil, two hundred and forty-five years under chattel slavery, and half a century of freedom, he is to find a voice—to give an account of his stewardship.

"In this effort to give to the nation a composite picture of his life, the depths from which he has come and the heights to which he has arisen, the Negro should have the unstinted help and the loyal encouragement of the North and the South.

"The Southern and Northern States have done much for the Negro along educational lines, but the nation has done nothing. The Negro has absorbed all the elements and requirements of European and American civilization, while the Indian is regarded as the "ward of the nation," and given vertain help by the government, while the Negro is left to shift for himself.

"As a matter of patriotism, sentiment and duty, Congress should give a substantial appropriation to this great enterprise. Under adverse and trying conditions, in the midst of countless perplexities and soul-racking economic industrial and civic problems, the Negro is, as a rule, living a life of good citizenship, rearing his children to love the Constitution and the flag, and to live in fear of God.

"He is learning the laws of hygiene, accumulating property, building schools and churches and living on terms of peace with his neighbors and friends.

"Looking at this project from a material standpoint, it means money for any community that secures it; looking at it from an educational standpoint, it will be an important object lesson in sociology, and looking at it from a sentimental standpoint, it can but strengthen the bond of union between the white man and the black man, for it must be taken that both races everywhere under the flag are one in all that makes for better and greater country.

"Kentucky is famed the world over as the land of hospitality, and Louisville has come unto her own as one of the great convention cities of the country. She ought to have this exposition, in the first place, because she deserves it; she knows how to handle it, and is big enough to handle it. It would bring thousands of dollars here, and would help every line of business. Let us ask our state officers, our municipal officers and citizens of the state to help us capture this great exhibit which means so much to the 10,000,000 Negroes and so much to the nation at large." CARY B. LEWIS.

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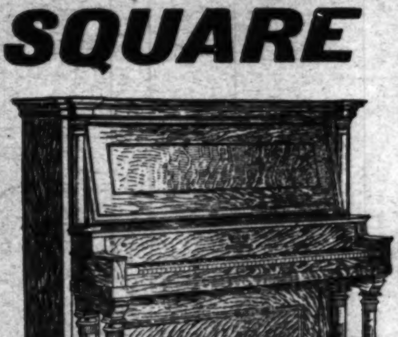

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THE STAGE

Additional Stage News on Page Six.

The Hallbachs will be at the Howard Theater, Boston, Mass., next week.

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The Roys entertained audiences at the Star Theater, Berlin, N. H., last week.

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Chintz Moore is a riot in Memphis, Tenn., as a comic comedian. He sends regards to the profession.

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Mrs. Emma L. Foster Stewart, our dainty soubrette, sends regards to Carrie Hall and Doll Burroughs.

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Carita Day is both a good singer and a good dancer, and was a very pleasing number.—*The Milwaukee Daily News*, Nov. 23, 1909.

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Mrs. Clarence Piccola Jones celebrated her sixteenth birthday last Monday, Nov. 22, and was the recipient of several elaborate greetings.

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Taylor & Taylor were a big hit in Boston at the Grand Opera House in a new act—"Five Dark Americans." They send regards to friends.

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The Mitchells, Rose and Fulton, have finished their engagement with the Wise & Milton Company and sailed for San Francisco Dec. 1, 1909.

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P. L. Jenkins, of Allen's Minstrels, sends regards to George Wilson and R. O. Henderson. Bob, I wrote to Sedalia, but received no reply. Write care The Freeman.

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The Arntes, now in England, say they have showed before the King and family and that they have a medal to show for it. They say, regards to all, mentioning the Beechums in particular.

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J. B. Norton, the reliable stage manager with Allen's Minstrels, is meeting with great success, and sends regards to all friends. Would like to hear from John Vassar and Speedy Smith.

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Williams & Stevens and their Stock Company at the Eighteenth Street Theater, Chicago. (Indefinite.) Best wishes to Kenner & Lewis, P. G. Lowery and bunch and A. G. Allen Company.

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C. Adams La Rose, female impersonator of Allen's Minstrels, has just received a new sheath gorwn direct from Paris, France, and is appearing nightly singing "Shine On, Harvest Moon," with quartet accompaniment.

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L. Vera Gant has put on a play called "The Prince of Peter Pan," a musical comedy in three acts. The play was a great success for a benefit of Fourth Street Church, which was burned a few months ago. This was the leading church in Jackson, Miss.

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Walter Hinson, of Ringling Bros. Circus, is in the city, where he expects to spend the winter with his friend Roy Pope. Hinson is a trombonist, also a singing and dancing artist. He was formerly of Melarry's Minstrel.

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The Star Theater, of Montgomery, Ala., burned to the ground on Monday night, Nov. 22. The Whitman Sisters Stock Company was playing a two weeks' engagement and everything was destroyed in the way of costumes, trunks, scenery, trap drums and musical instruments. The loss is estimated at over $1,800.

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Cumby and Matthews were at the Family Theater last week. The boys are rather clever. They are young and seem ambitious, hence a bright future seems to be in store for them. They do in the most part singing and dancing, in which they made a hit, and especially in the dancing. They have some talking lines which go very well.

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C. S. O'Brien, singing and dancing comedian writes: Speaking of colored shows, I am with the Nat Reiss Southern Carnival, now playing all the winter in Arizona and Old Mexico. We have a very clean and strong plantation show. I start the people out of Denver, Colo. Punch Jones is with us. We have four ladies with us and are making all new songs.

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Sam Shelton, the Texas Rosebud, former comedian of Baryea's New York Crackerjack Co., is no more connected with the company. He is touring the South for the winter, appearing alone in local theaters as a character comedian and European eccentric dancer, and will visit dear old Dahomey in the spring. He sends regards to friends in and out of the profession.

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The Chambers Mexico Minstrel Show and Oliver S. Edwards' Mexico Minstrel Show are playing a return date in North Carrollton, playing to packed houses every night. The Bond is getting along fine. Printess Oliver says, Hello, P. G. Lowery. Mrs. Rastues Jones will spend Christmas with her father in the territory. After her return she will spend a few days with her Uncle Oscar Grippin in Dallas, Tex. The bunch sends regards to all in and out of the profession.

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Cox and Cox are making a great success singing "In Pumpkin Picking Time." Mr. J. T. Cox, Jr., has composed a song entitled "I Love the Mary Janes and I Think They are Great, But I Am Crazy About the Gal That Wore Them Opera Capes."

Would like to hear from Polly Cox. Regards to Will Too Sweet and Susie Too Sweet and the bunch at the Gem Theater.

THE IDLE HOUR THEATER, PETERSBURG, VA.

Miss Minnie Hackless, the favorite soubret of Baltimore, is playing to big houses nightly. She is just "screaming them" with her song, "Dusky Salome," and does the dance artistically. She extends great sympathy to Julia James, late of the team of Hanson and James.

THE PROFESSION AT LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Johnnie Anderson is arranging a vaudevilel act (musical) while in Los Angeles, to open this spring on a large circuit. Before opening he will make a flying trip home to visit his parents and relatives, then to New York, where he will arrange all music. He has secured a $110 bassoon especially for the act, which will be great. Tim Ousley is in the city. Tommie Briggs would like to hear from friends. Address care Geo. Jaberg Music Co., Los Angeles, Cal.

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THE PEKIN THEATER, MEMPHIS.

Take a peep in the Pekin and try to get standing room while the Jerry Barnes Trio is making their scream. When Mr. Johnie Lee does his buck dance in his royal costume it gives one's eyes the saint vitus dance. Henry Jenning, the stage manager, is staging some of the best plays ever been on the stroll. Mrs. Jennings is one of the best leading ladies in the South.

The Pekin had for the last part of the week a great combination play entitled "The Dragon and the Lamb," which was well applauded. Mr. Jenning is rehearsing a new play which is expected to be great. The Pekin sends regards to all professionals in and out of the show business.

GEM THEATER, MEMPHIS, TENN.

The Gem is certainly some colored play house. Our stage manager put on about one of the best silent and fun acts ever put on in Memphis by colored talent entitled "The Dancing Cafe," which consisted of buck dancing, sitting down and standing up, by every character in the play. Our soubrette, Miss Lillian, of Chicago, is a scream. Miss Floyd Fisher is a favorite, singing "It Makes No Difference," and is a wonder. Miss Lulu Too Sweet, our playwright and leading lady, says "She Wants a Man Like Romeo," and she's right. Miss Too Sweet's new play is "Determination." Miss Too Sweet is well thought of by all performers. Mr. Johnie Woods and little Henry sends regards to Lehman Smith, and our stage manager, Willie Too Sweet, says hello Butler May!

THE PALACE THEATER, NEW YORK.

The house was pretty full and they had a good show. There is only one fault—the intermission is too long. The archestra was not at its best and they came near crabbing the last act, which was a musical act of fine merits. Small and Wilson were quite a novelty. Their act consisted of harmonica and guitar playing, singing and dancing. Wilson made some good imitations of birds and Small, who has no limbs below the knees, was the feature of the act. He does a great feat on two bottles and his dancing is great.

Richard Banks has a good voice.

Martain and Fox opened good, with American by Christ Smith. Miss Fox had on a very expensive dress. It was something superb, and Martain was dressed in accord with his partner. Miss Fox sings well and her talking and acting was great.

Mr. Duroone came to us with his funiest song, "In This Great War." His rendering of the song "None of Them Have Anything On Me," cannot be excelled.

Gaten and Robinson were the next to appear. This is a novelty music act, a mixture of talking, singing and dancing.

Miss Annie Smith is a very sweet singer and we never grow tired listing to her and her singing of "Naughty Eye," taking the house by storm. "Oh you eye!"

Then came that veteran, Wesley Morris, looking like a two-year-old. He is the hit of the bill; everybody knows Wesley. Of course, he must laugh and cry after that (that's all).

Ray and Williams was next and closed the bill, and they closed it "I mean," although the orchestra came near crabing their act. This is the most refined musical act in the East, and Mr. William's comedy is fine.

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I Want Some One to Be Nice to Me .... Blanch Beechum
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CLOSING AFTERPART.

—Musical Numbers—

On a Monkey Honeymoon..Callie Vassar
That's a Plenty .... Chas. Beechum
Honey Boy .... Carrie Gilbert
Arrival of the Real Prince..Ben Johnson
Closing Chorus—Everybody's Happy When the Sun Shines.
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ORPHEUM THEATER AT PHILADELPHIA.

The week of the 22d was a grand week at the Orpheum, was quite a success and was staged by Mr. George Bundy. There are a few new performers with them. Miss Edith Gibson made quite a success singing "If I Had a Thousand Lives to Live" with her strong contralto voice. Mr. Joe Auten is with them yet and is the star of the show. Miss Lortie Wells and Goldie Forman are still holding the house with their good singing and dancing. Miss Bessie Robbins is singing one of Arthur Tougbrake's latest successes, "Singing Bird." Mr. Bundy is as good as ever and Mr. Walter Howard, our straight man, is still with us.

John Jones, our basso profundo, is having quite a success. Little Edna Spence is great. Mr. Walter Jones has left us for a few weeks' vacation, which he will spend in visiting his parents in Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Robert Lee is at the piano and Kid Shepherd at the drums. Miss Virgie Jones is in vaudeville again. Isaac Segal is "props." Geo. Leckly manager, Mr. Mack electrician and Harry Savage in the ticket box.

"THE RED MOON" COMING TO THE PARK.

Cole and Johnson, the famous colored comedians and song writers, will be seen in their entertaining musical comedy "The Red Moon" at the Park Theater the week of Dec. 13. The production has played a Broadway engagement at the Majestic Theater, New York, where it met with a most pleasing reception and favorable comments from the entire New York press. The humor that is introduced in the comedy is a good quality, never forced, and never Tenderloin, and that they are adepts in singing as well as in the writing of the Negro songs of the time is proved by the fact that many of their compositions, though heard often before, assume an entirely different form, and consequently take on additional interest when they are sung as the authors intended. Cole and Johnson wrote the book, lyrics and music of their production as well as doing many clever things as the stars in this very interesting entertainment. The large chorus of very pretty colored girls knows how to sing the catchy and beautiful music, and they know well how to dance. "The Red Moon" is in three acts, and all are splendid examples of ornate stage settings, while the costuming will be entirely new designs of novelty and vivid coloring. A notable cast of colored artists assist the stars, including Aida Overton Walker, who will present a new sensational dance entitled "Wildfire." Abbie Mitchell, the clever talented little singer, will again play the part of Minnehaha. Fanny Wise, Mollie Dill, Elizabeth Williams, Mayme Butler, the girl with the baritone voice, wet face and aching heart leave the Sam Lucas, the old veteran, Edgar Connor, three feet of ebony gracefulness, and a large chorus with the orchestra augmented to twenty pieces. No one need be afraid to visit the Park Theater for fear of hearing old gags and jokes, for the humor is new.

NEW YORK AND C. V. B. A. NOTES.

By Harry A. Brown.

Black Prince's Alabama Four is playing the Keith circuit.

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The Wandoodle Comedy Four are at the Plaza, Philadelphia, Pa.

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The boys of the C. V. B. A. are very proud of their keys to the club rooms.

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Davis and Walker are at the American Music Hall, New York, this week—Morris Time.

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Mr. Dick De Croom headed twenty members Sunday night at the C. V. B. A. club rooms.

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Bert Murphy invites all the C. V. B. A. to his home to a Christmas dinner. Bert is going to kill a hog.

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The Merry Michaels are at the Lyric Theater, Philadelphia, Pa. Friends adderss 305 South Jumper street.

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The Prampins Musical Capers are now doing a double act. They have introduced a sensational trombone and cornet finish.

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Chas. H. Moore, of the William and Walker Company, is playing the old man character. He is a member of the C. V. B. A.

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Pete Hamton has returned from London enrote to his home to bury his mother. His native home is in Virginia. He will return to England.

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Madame Robinson and Walter Robinson gave a Thanksgiving dinner to the Merry Michaels Wandoodle Comedy Four and many others.

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Clarmonto and Miner are at Hurtig & Seamons Theater this week. Booked up well. Passaic, N. J., with South Fromingham, Mass., to follow.

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Sam Davis, the treasurer of the C. B. A., would like to hear from Cook and Stevens, Al Bailey, Lawrence Deas, Harry Reed and Barry Carter.

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Murphy and Francis this week are at the Majestic Theater, Toronto, Canada, with Plaza and America, New York City to follow. On the big Morris circuit.

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Susie Sutton, of Jones and Sutton, is at the New York Infirmary. Miss Gertie Miller will take her place with the act during her illness. New Britton, Conn., next week.

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The Georgia Campers, headed by Clarence Bowman and Ella Jones, are playing the Independent Time. There are ten people in this act and are featured on each bill.

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Thanksgiving at the C. V. B. A. club house there was a big dinner given by the boys. Plates were set for sixty-eight members. Rowland came eight blocks in his make-up.

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Al Brown and his quartet is busy these days. Their vocal and instrumental music keeps them in demand. Al will be remembered as the writer of many song hits. "You've Cooked Your Goose With Me" and "I'll Break Up This Jambre," being two of the most popular.

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Theo. Pankey has turned out to be a regular vaudevillian of late. His whole talk is of the C. V. B. A., and where he is going next week, since he has been made the chairman of the finance committee. Pankey and Cook leave next week for the Golden West for twenty-eight weeks. I catch Pankey in and out of the agent's offices with contracts over Pantage's circuit.

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Rowland, the brain storm juggler, is at the Auditorium Theater, Philadelphia, Pa. He has signed with the Independent circuit for the rest of the season—the Garcia Bros., the three Cubans, trapeze and ring performers; played Sunday, November 28th, at the German-American Athletic Club, at the Amsterdam Opera House. These boys are a trio and have lately came from Cuba, and are members of the C. V. B. A.

THE PROFESSION AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

The Dancing Ashers did well at Forepaughs.

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Bessie Dutton and Mack are doing illustrated songs at Orpheum.

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The Brittons, Joe and Sadie, was the biggest hit at the Wm. Penn Theater.

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Cecil Moore and Miss Minnie Brooks were married at Central Station here last week.

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A. W. Witsals continues with vaudeville and curios, now having two houses. Business fair.

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Madame and Walter Robinson are preparing to enter vaudeville, supported by a company of eight other persons.

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John Duncan has had a large storm lobby built at North Pole and steam heat put in—Wouldn't that melt you?

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"Pop" Green has succeeded Geo. Bundy in Log Cabin Trio. The act is now Miller, Emory and Green—lots of special scenery gives color to the act.

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Black and Moss Theater—The show is produced by Chas. Wilson, Mame Cambell, Luvina Turner, Celie Anderson and Black Bess—good business. Miss Grace Jackson is still the favorite.

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Jas. Bland, the old time songster and author, is in town again with a bunch of hot numbers. Mr. Bland can be remembered by his "Christmas Dinner," "Gaze On Mah Diamond Pin," "Galden Stars" and hundred of other hits.

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Victoria Theater No. 1 and 2 Duncan, Scott and Keenan proprietors, doing great business. The principal people of these houses are: Clarence Nugent, a very clever youngster; Baby Braxton, a promising star, and Miss Daisy Brown, the biggest drawing card of all. The shows consist of vaudeville and farce comedy.

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Isaac Siegal, proprietor; G. Lockley Bus, manager. Business, great—packing them in until 12 o'clock midnight. Geo. E. Bundy is now in charge of stage and performers, and his initial week has been a great success. At this house will be given a new class of show, and from the beginning everything looks forward to a season of banner business.

This week the bill is as follows: Soney Mixed Quartet, Geo. Bundy and girls in "When We Were Kids," Tutie Wells in "Oh, You Blondie," Jones and Howard, the two actors; Just Happy Joe Outen in Blippum; Goldie Foreman, serio cmoic; Dollie Spence and Rob. Saunders in the funny sketch entitled "Sea Crabs." Closing with the one act comedy, "Justice." Prof. Robert Lee, leader of orchestra; Chippy Shepard, trap drummer.

SYLVESTER RUSSELL NOTES.

Chicago, Ill.

William Crawford is with Glazier's Jubilee Singers this season.

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Proctor and Hunt have been doing the down town and across town houses. I suppose you all know Lew Proctor?

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Charles Gilpin and Jimmie Brown, character comedians, have joined hands, both are very clever artists and are meeting with success.

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Cliff Green and Dollie Stewart opened an engagement at Mott's Pekin Theater, November 22d. This team is a clever pair of young singers and dancers, and will stand a good show among the new set of progressive entertainers.

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The "Goats" gave a vaudeville performance and dance at Central Hall November 22d. The critic will probably have some vaudeville things to say regarding the future of the "Goats," and it is expected that they will grow to be strong and prosperous as time goes on.

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J. Finley Wilson, of New York, and San Francisco is now connected with the "Journal and Guide" of Norfolk, Va. This newspaper will be closely connected with The Freeman, because of the critic's services on both newspapers.

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James Reese Europe, conductor of Cole and Johnson's "Red Moon" Company, is a composer of much merit. The music of "Pliney," "Sambo" and "Pickinny Days" was all composed by Mr. Europe, as well as the "Red Moon" to-do-lo two step chorus; it is expected that more will be heard from the professor later.

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There has been nothing of any particular importance in Chicago for the last fortnight. Cole and Johnson's "Red Moon" is gone with favor, and with the exception of a drama, "Prince of Hati," which took place at a matinee on Thanksgiving day at the Pekin Theater for the benefit of the Phyllis Wheatey Home for Girls, everything in gay society has subsided prior to the coming of the holidays.

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The coming of Mr. S. H. Dudley and his new augumented Smart Set aggregation, including a trained donkey, is scheduled for late in December. The new comedy is entitled "His Honor the Barber." Associated with Mr. Dudley, and happy for him, he has been able to re-engage Miss Jennie Pearl and Mr. James Burris to span the bridge which carries him safely over.

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The old Monogram Theater, on State street, is open again with a sketch stock company of artists who are able to put on a new turn, out and out, each week. The bunch is headed by Sidney L. Perrin, the comedian and composer, and his wife, Goldie Crosby. Elvira Johnson is also on the bill. These two singers have voices like bells, but educated in the rag-time school. The Brooklyn Trio, very clever, also made a hit.

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The Pekin Theater is running all vaudeville this winter. Most of the performers have been White artists of notable reputation intermingled with colored talent of equal qualities as entertainers. Manager Robert T. Motts has been much in evidence of late in front of the house and general satisfaction has resulted. In speaking of the original Pekin Theater it will be necessary to use the name of Motts with it hereafter, as other managers can't seem to develop any brains of their own. It would be nice if they would peep around and find some other name.

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"Sylvester Russell's Review," monthly magazine, will make its first appearance in Chicago January 1, 1910. All its sold subscribers and agencies will be supplied. It will be higher class than ever—$1.00 a year and 10 cents a copy. All the news in the Review will be exclusive, and not syndicated. It may do well to state here that none of the news of the Freeman and the Norfolk Journal and Guide will be alike next year, except very special matters, which will then be marked "syndicated." This "combination of three," it is most reasonable to expect, will control the most important field and center of the colored theatrical profession.

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Salam Tutt Whitney and his brother, Homer Tutt, have relinquished the name of "Smart Set," which is a good omen so far as the South is concerned. The Whitney Musical Comedy Company is a plays. Now if this step does not mark a new progressive trend in the ranks of young professional blood then there will be no use to say the word. Salam Tutt Whitney is a man who has went through the usual routine of vicissitudes, and his liberal amount of broad experiences, together with cautious measures of advancement, should assure him and his associated companions of a very early success. T. L. Corwell is now manager of the company.

THE TUTT WHITNEY COMEDY CO. IN GREAT DEMAND.

By V. P. Thomas.

The Tutt Whitney Musical Comedy Company has been obliged to cancel its Baton Rouge, La., engagement, week commencing November 28th, in order to give the New Orleans people another week of its great musical comedy entitled "My Friend From Kentucky," which it week it came to this city, three weeks put on at the Temple Theater the first ago. The company will play Banton Rouge week beginning December 5th, instead. The New Orleans people did not have enough of that amusement that Salem Tutt Whitney and Homer Tutt give them in "My Friend From Kentucky" and insisted on the Temple people engaging the company for at least one more week, and that "My Friend From Kentucky" be the show for the whole week. It was a pretty tough proposition for Manager Cheevers to handle, but having the public desire to satisfy, the expense attending the getting of the company to cancel its Banton Rouge engagement was allowed to cut no figure, and arrangements were at once made by which the Salem Tutt Whitney Company agreed to remain here a week longer and give the patrons of the Temple the show they all like so much. The company, therefore, opened its fourth week Sunday with the show that made it so popular in this city, and it goes without did itself good laughing at the stunts of that really funny fellow, Tutt Whitney, in his role of "Abraham Lincoln Brown," supported by Homer Tutt, Sam Gardner, Will Baynard, Miss Daisy Martin, Nettie Taylor and a big chorus of as fine singers and dancers as ever struck the Crescent city. New Orleans people are hard to please in the show business, but once a company makes good with them they will ask for it and must have it or there will be nothing doing in the attendance, that's all. The Tutt Whitney Company will certainly long remember the days they spent in the city of New Orleans on account of the rounds of suppers, dinners and such marks of favoritism and popularity which they received from their friends and well-wishers in every section of the city, day after day and week after week, the whole time they stayed here.

THE LATE HARRY BRADFORD.

Harry Bradford's death caused a shock to all his friends and acquaintances. Without warning, apparently in the full flush of health, to be cut down as a cyclone rends the air. Every member of the C. V. B. A. turned out in a body to pay a last tribute of respect to the man they had learned to love. Harry Bradford was a man among men, broad-minded and staunch to the cause he advocated. For good fellowship and honhomma, he was unequalled. The following members were pall bearers: Tom Lemonier, Frank Clermonto, Bob Slater, Black Carl and Johnnie Jones. Lillian Bradford can well be proud of the women friends whom Harry had laughingly named the "Ladies' Sufferagettees." Each one did all in her power to prove that it is not men alone that can stick together. Can anything excel the courage that they displayed (Tuesday) through the storm, regardless of pretty hats, handsome gowns and thin shoes, they, too, went in a body to the Pennsylvania depot and stood with their bereaved comrade until the gates were closed. Those of the ten who stood by Lillian to the very last were: Annie Hamer a.Fnnie Winfrid, Allie Vaughner, Melvina Sticker, Bertha Grant, Murell Ringgold, Emma White, Rose Fox, Sadie Britton and Edith Lemonier, her staunch friend. The question was, what could they do to prove to their chum that they were with her?

Bertha Grant solved the problem, and we all know that her heart is just as large as her face is sweet, proposed that each give a dollar that Lillie could eat and read as our treat on her long and lonely journey. Bertha had not got the words out before the ten women's hands flew in their bags and by the rustling of bills I know they were sorry they were not asked to do more. Everyone knows how royal Sadie Britton always is. Her forethought secured our chum a sleeper, so with other little delicate attentions from the rest of us we bade our friend and comrade adieu. Frank Lamotte did his part as only the secretary of the C. C. B. A. could.

Then Annie Hamer conducted us to her home at 113 West Thirtieth street, that we may wash away the traces of tears. Oh, how we missed Etta Clermonto! It was only her theatrical engagement that kept her from being with us, but she had done all a true woman could in the interval. So the curtain falls on the saddest act (let us hope) in Lillian Bradford's life. Long live the C. V. B. A. They proved what it means to be a member of their organization.

By her staunch friend,

Edith.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., PROFESSION.

By P. J. Couper.

Carita Day was featured at the Crystal last week.

Capt. L. C. Valle scored a big hit last Monday evening at the Gem Auditorium delivering one of his short but effective addresses, touching on the information concerning the Catholic Church as being detrimental to the American Negro and his advantages in this country.

A very classical and entertaining program was rendered by the talent of the Mission, assisted by the Columbia Tennessean Jubilee Singers. Roster: Miss B. Dickerson, Miss K. Guy, Miss Georgia Hadley, Mrs. Ed. Martin, Arthur Brown, W. B. Williams and Evans Tyrll, Jr., manager.

Miss Ethel Shaefer did a pleasing Dago banna song in character which brought down the house.

Mr. Charlie Warren rendered a violin solo very cleverly. The best received number was a poem from the pen of Paul L. Dunbar entitled "When Malinda Sings," very ably rendered by Mr. E. Tyree, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Reed, two clever elocutionists from Albany, N. Y., are visiting their mother, Mrs. Nina J. Reed, of 188 Sixth street.

John Brown's anniversary was highly celebrated Monday evening at the A. M. E. Church.

The Kof P. ball was a grand success at Liedertaffer Hall Thanksgiving eve.

At last it is stated that the Turf Cafe building, owned by Mr. J. L. Slaughter, is to be soon converted into a first-class theater, but can't say of what nature at present writing.

When will our people ever learn to attend rehearsals?

LAYMAN THEATER, MOBILE, ALA.

Kenner and Lewis are going big every night at the Lagman Theater, singing "Abraham Lincoln Jones" and "Come After Breakfast, Bring Along Your Lunch and Leave Before Supper Time" to four encores nightly, and the way Kenner handles the above numbers are something grand and pleasing to the ear, and their comedy is revalation to the profession. Lewis, as straight man, handles his lines with such dexterity until one has to sit and look. His singing of "Roses Brings Dreams of You" and "No One Knows" were given encore after encore. Billy Mills, our stage manager, and one of the principle comedians with the show, is going big also, singing "When My Wants Give Out" and "That's a Plenty." Rosetta Brannam, our leading soubrette and coon shouter, gets four and five encors nightly singing "It's After Hours and You Can't Come In." Lewis Harrison, female impersonator, is, without a doubt, in a class by himself, the singing, and also his costumes, are something wonderful. He is using "To the End of the World" and "Star of Hope." Rebecca Kenzie, the black swan, taking them off their feet singing "There is Nothing in This World Like Love. Charles Lipscombe, cornet virtuso, is making good. Joe Taylor, slack wire artist, joined the show on the 28th. Prof. Gus Neil smiles every time he looks at The Freeman, and also the whole bunch is always wishing for the man to put in his appearance every Saturday to read about the profession, and there's one thing about the bunch, they all get a Freeman and don't borrow.

Kenner and Lewis says hello to May and Bobby Kemp, dear old New Orleans; and also Ada Harris, Tom and Lizzie Thomas, of the Congo King Company; Bob Zumbe Slater and Prof. Albert Carroll.

BLACK PATTI MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY.

Still packing them in nightly, and judging from the enthusiastic demonstrations that greet us, from the rise to fall of curtain, we are more than pleasing.

Nothing but the highest praise can be said of Madame S. Jones (the Black Patti) in her new role as Lucinda Lee and Princess Zulu. She shows exceptional ability and that she has had in reserve wonderful conception of dramatic art in her store house of knowledge. Her speeches receive rounds of applause at each performance of the "Trip to Africa."

Jolly John Larkin is more in fact than the press claim him to be. Many a tear-friends that they just couldn't help it theater nightly admiting to their many because he is the funiest man they ever saw.

Jerry Mills closed with the show at Paducah, Ky., and went to Chicago to form a stock company for the Temple Theater at New Orleans. We wish him success. He was loved by all.

H. Morgan Prince has taken Mr. Mill's place and is proving himself a capable performer.

W. A. Cooke is leaving them screaming nightly with his song, "I May Be Daffy, But I Ain't No Fool."

A. D. Byrd is doing all the management require of him.

Irene Gaines, Ruby Taylor and W. A. Cooke make a great singing and dancing trio. Do not be surprised to see this act in vaudeville in the near future.

Sarah Green Byrd returned to the company at Princeton, Ky., after a three weeks' stay at her home, Peru Ind., and resumed her old place. During her absence Mrs. Jennie Hunter replaced her as "Dinal Green," and is deserving of great credit for her notorious work.

The B. P. M. C. girls' club are doing something to improve the gray matter of their associates by establishing singing, dancing and sewing classes.

OPENING OF THE PEKIN AT SAVANNAH, GA.

Thanksgiving day was a gala day among the Afro-Americans of this city, occasioned by the opening of Pekin Theater with a bill with Billy Kersands as head liner. This is the only colored vaudeville theater in the city, and the hundreds of people who could not gain admission at the various performances during the day was significant. Despite his age, Kersands is a drawing card in this section, and his appearance elicted an ovation for him. The work of Malloy and Harkum was clever. This team is rapidly coming into its own because of the ability of Malloy and Harkum to show their native genius. Mr. F. H. Davis and Mrs. Marie Davis has an act that keeps a ripple of laughter going all of the time they are getting off their stunt. Nugent and Jones, advertised as "World's Famous Eccentric Dancers," went big at each performance. The work of Prof. W. H. Brown, as trap drummer and artistically blowing the nosephone, is commendable. This house is owned by Mr. W. J. Stiles, who is, in a concrete form, showing his ability as manager, and the class of vaudeville artists he is booking for his theater and the business system he has adopted is in keeping with the reputation he has already made for himself. The house opened with 2,000 feet of moving pictures. The theater is situated in the popular section of the city for Afro-Americans, and its architecture takes it out of the cheap variety, and the elaborate exterior and interior finish and one of the most elaborate electrical display to be seen in the city is a native ideal for people of Negroid descent in this city.

Billy's work as a monologuist entitles him to more consideration for vaudeville work, as his work is as good as some upon some of the circuits. Mr. Stiles will give his patrons artists who are deserving of appearing before such an audience as Savannah affords. Another door open for artists of color.

ABOARD ALLEN'S MINSTREL CAR, "IDA MAY."

Will A. Dixon, lyric tenor, late of Buffalo Bill's Wild West, joined November 11th at Norfolk, Va. He is singing "A Picture of Bygone Days" with comgood name for the organization which plete success.

Zack Copeland, the man in the knickerbockers, singing and dancing comedian, joined November 12th at Portsmouth, Va. He immediately joined hands with "Rastus" Jones, forming the team of Jones and Copeland in a dancing and talking turn. Both gentlemen are dancing artists, and their grotesque stunts leave the house frantically applauding nightly.

Pearl Moppin, hoop roller and trombonist, has been slightly ill for a day or two, buit is rapidly improving.

While touring Virginia we encountered many historical sights, including a glimpse of the famous battlefields and houses still bearing the marks of the great civil war, showing with what vigor the campaign was pushes in that State; also the boys, bent on sight-seeing, visited a very formidable fleet of Uncle Sam's modern fighting ships, including the Minnesota, the Louisiana, the North Carolina, the Virginia and the Montana, while they were peacefully riding at anchor in Hampton Roads.

Robt. H. Grant is at work again after a slight illness.

J. C. Singleton, clarinet and pen artist, sends regards to all friends.

Wm. (Tuba) Thomas sends regards to Dick Anderson.

Wm. Phillips sends regards to (wee) Joe Miller of the Florida Blossoms and John Tobias of "A Rabbit's Foot Company."

Mr. B. T. Stevens, our trap drummer, was quietly married November 15, at Tarboro, N. C., his bride being Miss Sousie Killebrew, of Tarboro, N. C. The boys showered the contracting parties with presents and congratulations after the ceremony was performed.

WM. BENBOW'S ALABAMA CHOCOLATE DROPS.

We are now in dear old Georgia, among the pines. The show is still meeting with success. Miss Larau Blackburn, our little singing soubrette, has been on the sick list, but she is O. K. now, and still making good. Miss Jessie Burney, our coon shouter and buck and wing dancer, is still the town's talk. She has no equal. Will Bell and Dave Perdu makes them brake their jaw bone every night with their talking, singing and dancing act. Lewis Kline is still making hits nightly, singing "Carrie."

Belar Young and Edna Hooten, better known as "Topsie," is refusing encors nightly. Prof. Bennie Smith, our orchestra leader, is playing some high class concert music. Wm. Benbow's Alabama Chocolate Drops is one of the strongest shows of its kind on the road.

We were entertained by the Stars, a club of young ladies, while in Talladeger, Ala. Wm. Benbow sends regards to Bob Reed, Beman, Willis, Thomas, and all friends in and out of the profession.

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ROUTES.

"His Honor the Barber," starring S. H. Dudley—Ottawa, Can., Dec. 6, 7, 8; Kingston, 9; Belleville, 18; Hamilton, 11.

Richard & Pringle's Famous Minstrels, under direction of Holland & Filkins—Warren, Ark., Dec. 6; Monticello, 7; Dermott, 8; Monroe, La., Dec. 9; Vicksburg, Miss., 10; Port Gibson, 11.

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Additional Stage News on Page Six.

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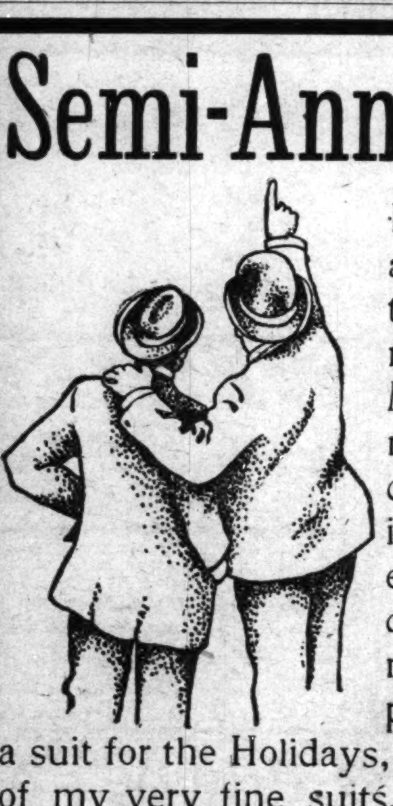

I want to call your attention to the fact that my Semi-Annual Sale of Fine Made-to-Order Garments, started Friday, Nov. 26, which is one month sooner this year, in order to give a great many men the opportunity to secure a suit for the Holidays, I will sacrifice 300 of my very fine suits, consisting of the latest designs in all wool fabrics in Fancy Worsteds and Scotches, that I formerly sold at $25, $27.50, $30, $32.50 and some at $35, as long as they last, now or never, **$14.50** to your measure.

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RAMBLINGS

Recently Harry Brown, the Singing Cartoonist, asked the question: "Can girls of our race be moral on the stage?" I talked at the subject, but did not answer directly, as Mr. Brown may have expected. Mr. Brown expected more than a "yes" or "no"; he expected to see the subject pretty well ventilated, discussed, and, of course, including the "yes" or "no." One reason why I did not make my answer more decisive was because it seemed to me that it would tend to emphasize the contention that they were not so good on th stage. Really, any argument at all on the subject tends to place the stage women at a disadvantage. No one will argue that our girls can not be moral on the stage; it would be the height of foolishness to say that they can not be. There is no compulsion to stay on the stage, even if it should be a fact that immorality was denominated in the bond. I do not mean this literally, for I do not think the tenure of position depends on any arrangement to an end. But, of course, there could be such a thing as mutual understandings among stage people as they are everywhere. The opportunity to be in company, and the fact of being in company, very much tends to cause people to take things for granted, when there is no substantial foundation for suspicion. I will say, as I said before, that the colored stage woman can be whatever is possible for the colored woman elsewhere.

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A voice from Princeton, N. J., has something to offer on the question of the morals of the stage people. His letter is as follows:

"Editor Theatrical Section Freeman:

"Sir—While reading the notes I came across a question that was asked by Mr. Harry Brown, the famous cartoonist: Can girls of our race be moral on the stage. A writer answered, or tried to answer the question, but he did not answer it in a direct way; that is, "yes" or "no." I say yes, and I am sure that three-fourths of the colored performers will agree with me. While there are many immoral colored women (as well as white) on the stage, they do not outnumber that quite respectable set which is found in every company. One-half of the immoral women on the stage can trace their downfall to some adored Beau Brummel of the stage. I think if the colored men of the stage would help the women to be good, in a little while we would see the result. But back to Mr. Brown's question. I say yes. First, Because I have faith in most of the theatrical women. Second, Because they come from the best colored families in the country (that is, the majority of them). Third, I believe in the bad ones, so I can try and make them good. If every colored actor would do the same, we would not have near as many immoral women as we have now.

"Hoping to see this published, I am,
Yours respectfully,
"Yours respectfully,
"'GLOOMY GUS' SMITH,
"The Unknown."

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Some one evidently has done something to Billy McClain, of 119 Charing Cross Road, London, England, W. C. His recent communication to THE FREEMAN is a little biting, and, while it is true, it is no less a warning, just as he puts it. According to Billy, he has had time of it in London caring for stranded colored performers. He makes some very stout assertions, and it will be taken for granted that what he said is the whole truth. He would not, I do not think, cast aspersion on the members of his profession. Some will insist that it would be besc that he said nothing. However, he thinks differently, and there are many who think as he does.

His revelation of the other side of European stage life of the American Negro w llprove a very interesting chapter at any rate. He has the following to say:

"Dear Editor—Please note this, a warning from Billy McClain, one who knows and would not tell you wrong. Don't be mislead by silly, idiotic paid advertisements. It is cheaper to buy milk than to feed a cow. People without any reputation or experience who milk the cow get the pail full, and either spill it themselves or make the cow kick it over. Now a word from the "wise" is sufficient. I don't want to throw cold water on anything, but I am certainly tired of looking out for and feeding people that other people have brought over to this country and left stranded. You don't want to go any further than Tim Brynn and Harry Wellmon, and they are two brainy men. So what chance has the little fish got behind a corrupt pilot?

"Men like Henderson Smith, Cole and Johnson, Williams and Walker, Shipp, and the late Hogan, yes, but not with a couple of State street stars. When men will take a woman away from another company and "kid" her what they are going to do, and then drop her and leave her on the street at the mercy of the world, as these men have done, and even worse, which I will have to mention later, I think it is about time that we do as the white people do—wipe them off the theatrical map entirely. I won't go any further unless I hear from the parties direct. Then I will mention names, time, place, situation, and everything pertaining to it. You, Ed Green, if youve got that little dump on State street, you better stay in it and keep all with you that you can, and wait until the waters get smoother. My advice to all whom it may concern is, get your return fare and one week in your kick, then tell them to roll. I have done nothing but buy feed and clothes for my people since I have been here. My wife has adopted a baby five years old. Its mother died in the hospital and its father is everything but what he should be. Two more died in Germany and one in France—Billy Banks, Frisky Steve and another chap named Scales. They would all come back if they could, 'but.'

"Thanking you in anticipation of seeing a copy.

"Yours as B. 4,
"BILLY McCLAIN."

One may judge for himself as to whether Billy has had cause to talk out. He was always a great big hearted fellow with the good of his profession ever in mind. It is indeed fortunate that there is a Billy McClain with that dean-like spirt and that charitable disposition, also patriotic and racial.

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Geo. Carlisle and Geo. W. Baker, now in London, England, think of sailing soon for America. They anticipate producing a play for which their managers have been negotiating with the managers of houses on this side. Frm all accounts it will be a high-class production, and will show only in the better class theaters. The company will be made up on this side.

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"King Luis and Partner" is the way a high-class team traveling in Europe styles itself. It was in Leipzig, Germany, when last heard from. They, from all appearances, are an exceedingly fine pair. Their advertising paper is fin-de-sicle; that is, their letter paper, a batch of which apparently was prepared for Germany. The German of their stationery reads: "Erstklassiger Akrobatischer Equili bristischer Kraft-Akt, Sichere Attrakion fur uberall." This is so near English that a translation is hardly necessary. The rest is unknown—may be guessed. This much, however, the word "erstklassiger," means, literally, first-class. Their translation says refined. It's what may be termed a free or liberal translation, or, perhaps, the substitution of a word meaning something similar, and with a sound more in keeping with the thought. "Refined" is perhaps a finer English word to the purpose than "first-class."

In writing to The Freeman one of them said:

"Dear Sir: Allow me herewith to express my opinion about your colored paper, The Freeman, which I have had the pleasure of reading. I must really say that it afforded me the greatest of pleasure in sitting down and reading from the first to the last column, and hope I shall have the pleasure some day in meeting you personally, and to shake hands with you and to congratulate you on your paper. I have had the pleasure of meeting here in Europe many colored performers, such as Johnson and Dean, whom I worked with at the Wintergarten, Berlin, also Miss Belle Davis, Billy McClain and wife, Messrs. Hampton and Baumann, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Ladic Britton, Four Creole Belles, and I can assure you that every time I meet any colored performers here in Europe my first word to them is, "Have you got The Freeman?" I am writing you this letter myself as a colored performer who is now twenty-two years in Europe, and have played every hall of any note in England, Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Servia, and Turkey. I am a native of Nassau, N. P., Bahamas, West Indies; came to Europe twenty-two years ago, when I was ten years old; went to school in Germany. After five years' schooling I was sent to the University to study for a doctor, but now suppose it was not to be. I went of my own free will to a traveling ten circus and apprenticed myself there for five years, after which I became a bareback horse rider, in which capacity I traveled all over Europe. Then I turned to the acrobatic line and became a first-class acrobat and worked all the principal halls in Europe, and which I am still doing today. I am now booked up for Germany, England, Russia and Italy, until January, 1911. Thereafter I should like to visit the States, therefore allow me to ask you if you could favor me with a reply stating if there is in America any chance for a first-class colored acrobatic act. I must note that I speak Germany, English, French, Italian perfectly, and Russia, Bohemian and Polish a little. I have had the honor of performing before their Royal Hignsesses His Majesty the Emperor of Austria, Italy, President of France, Czar of Russia, Crown Prince of Germany and many Grand Rukes. Perhaps you can use a few of these lines in your most valuable paper. Inclosed you shall find a couple of postal cards with the picture of myself and my partner, who is also a colored boy, and which is one of my apprentices. Hoping this shall find you enjoying the very best of health, I remain,

Yours fraternally,
"KING LUIS, M. M."

CAN JEFFRIES EVER GET BACK?

Do they ever come back? Think it over. Did you play tennis up to five years ago and then give it up? Were you a pretty good shot with a rifle five years ago, and gave it up? Did you play football up to the time you left school five years ago, and then confine your nterest in the sport to watching a game from the grand stand once a year? Did you wrestle a bit or box a little, or do a little sprinting or a little long-distance running, some five years ago, but passed them all up for business?

If you did any of these things, do you think any amount of training would make you as good today as you were before you quit the particular sport in which you were interested.

Hardly. Thousands of men have tried it, and no one has ever come back into his oldtime form, whether his forte was tennis or rowing, or swimming, or shooting, or wrestling, or boxing, or riding, or anything else.

All this, of course, leads up to the question as to whether or not Jim Jeffries can ever be as good again as he was five years ago. He may look as well and feel as well, but will his eye work as quickly as it used to? Will his feet carry him around the ring as fast as they did when he was the champion of the world? Will his arms shoot out with the same force that they did five years ago?

As a matter of fact, it has been six years since Jim Jeffries had a real fight. That was on Aug. 14, 1903, when he put Jim Corbett away in ten rounds, in San Francisco. One year and two months later he had his little two-round bout with Jack Munroe, and he had spent very little time actually training for that encounter. He didn't have to fight, still at the last minute he wanted to ask for a postponement in order to get into a little better condition.

And so you see, if Jeffries fights the champion at all, it will be nearer seven years than five since he has done any hard work. Can a man stay out of the game all that time and be as good as ever, even though he has led a temperate life during the six or seven years? Can he?

Of course there is this to be considered: Jeff may not have to be the Jeff of old to whip Jack Johnson, but close students of the game figure that he must be at his very best to win from the giant colored man.

There is another thing to consider: While Jeffries has led a temperate life during the last six years, he has led an easy one. Very few days have found him out of bed before nearly noon. He grew fat and lazy. Always good natured, he would rather sit around and talk than get into a pair of trunks and work. Can a man throw aside the habits developed in six years' idleness all of a sudden, and begin all over again?

Well, let's see what others have done along the same line.

Tod Sloan, after a long period of rest from work in the saddle, was allowed to ride, down at New Orleans. He got some good mounts, but every stable boy at the track put it on him when it came to riding a race. His eye, his judgment and his skill had vanished.

Then there was the case of Amos Rusie. Everybody remembers the Giants' famous pitcher who quit the game, and after a long rest—he had shown signs of not being as sood as he ever was—he tried to get back into the diamond game. What was the result? Every old batter who couldn't hit the side of a barn took a crack at Rusie's twirling, and the one-time king of the mall went back to work in a lumber yard at $1.50 a day.

Bernie Wefers was one of the greatest sprinters the world has ever seen; he ran 100 yards in 9 4-5 seconds no less than twenty-seven times, and was positively unbeatable in his day. He easily outran men like Maybury, Rush, Long and Burk in the short races, and performed prodigous feats of speed. A few years after his retirement Wefers tried to regain his oldtime form, but found that the old snap wa snot in his stride. He could sprint tolerably well, but he lacked just enough of his former dash to keep him from regaining his former place as the greatest short-distance man on earth.

There are many short-distance runners who have gone through the same experience that Wefers had. None of them have ever quit the game and "come back" again.

It is the same story in every other line of professional and amateur sport. A man who takes care of himself and keeps at the game may have many years of success, whether it be at tennis or football, or running, or baseball, or fighting, or anything else. But let him give up the sport, stay out of it for a time and then try to be a champion again, and where does he get off? Everyone knows the answer.

Ring champions who have tried it and failed are too numerous to mention. The trouble with most fighters has been that they have tried to come back after they were beaten and after a long period of dissipation. Jeff has never been beaten and he has never dissipated, so you can't exactly compare him with Young Corbett and Terry McGovern and the other champions who tried to "come back" and couldn't connect.

Take the case of John L. Sullivan. The old fellow fought Jake Kilrain and beat him in 74 rounds, in Richburg, on July 8, 1892. Then followed a long period of rest—three years and two months—and then Jim Corbett put the champion out of the running in 21 rounds, at New Orleans.

No one has ever "come bac" yet. Think it over. Does Jeffries have to "come back" to beat Jack Johnson? If he does have to, can he?

NEGROES SOLICIT TAFT'S AID.

Booker T. Washington Heads Delegation Urging 1913 Exposition.

WASHINGTON, November 26.—Booker T. Washington headed a committee which called at the White House to-day to solicit the support of President Taft for a movement which has been started by leading colored people throughout the country looking toward the holding of an exposition in 1913 to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the freedom of the Negro race in America. The President expressed his deep interest in the venture. The exposition idea is to show the Negro's progress during the fifty years of his freedom as compared with the progress that he made during slavery days.

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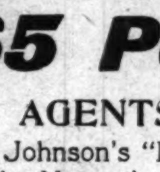

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SOME SPORTING COMMENT.

By CHARLES D. MARSHALL.

We want your cut for the sporting page of our big Christmas number.

Jeffries ought to at least be glad that Johnson came along and brought him out.

It is expected that Bob Cole, of Cole and Johnson, will put a baseball club in the field next season.

With countless high school football champions, how is it possible to make the one championship go round?

Jack McCormick, last year the trainer with the Chicago National League baseball team, is now James J. Jeffries' trainer.

We write you up and make your cut to run in our big Christmas number for $3 for single column and $5 for double column cut.

Stanley Ketchel and Jim Flynn are scheduled to fight a ten-round battle in December at Nand Junction, Cal., for the middleweight championship.

Cuba will send a team to this country next year which is said to be stronger than any that has yet been sent here before, under the personal supervision of Abel Linares.

At Kansas City, Kans., Thanksgiving Day, over 15,000 spectators saw the football game between Missouri and Kansas Universities. The last reserved seat was sold two days before the game.

Harry Daniels, the well-known baseball authority, says that the country is full of players, but that there are less than twenty who come under the head of stars. He says: "With the country full of players, less than twenty come under the head of stars. The perfect player is hard to find; that is, one who can hit, field, run the bases, and, last and most important, who has quick thinking gray matter, with a heart for driving, that is necessary to win the big money. One, two or three great players will often make a winner of an ordinary team. Take Grant Johnson, Earl Bradley and Monroe from the Royals, MacClellan, Lynwood and Petway from Philadelphia, Foster, Booker and Hill from the Lelands, Gatewood, Jackson and Barton from the Keystones, Mims, Wallace, Marshall and Taylor from the St. Paul Gophers, and you have a lot of inferior teams."

TABOR WANTS TO HEAR FROM MANAGERS.

Monroe Tabor, the crack second baseman, would like to hear from all the baseball managers. Address 125 West Bridge street, Jacksonville, Fla.

ALFRED SHRUBB DEFEATS LONGBOAT.

WINNIPEG, Man.—(Special)—Alfred Shrubb defeated Tom Longboat last Wednesday in a sixteen-mile race, by three laps. Time, 1 hour 35 minutes 50 seconds.

WARD WILSON AT THE GAME.

Ward Wilson, an old-time football player, and now a coach of several teams here, attended the Thanksgiving Day game between the Herculeans and Columbia Giants, and took part as referee. Wilson greatly admired the work of the "Herks," but stated that he saw a good deal of star material in the Giants' lineup.

YUSSIFF MAHMOUT WINS.

CHICAGO, December 1.—Yussiff Mahmout showed speed and skill when he tossed the Mysterious Conductor twice last night at catch-as-catch-can at Euson's. The first fall—a half-Nelson and crotch hold—was made in eleven minutes and ten seconds. The second—a half-Nelson—was turned in six minutes and five seconds.

KNOCKED OUT IN TENTH.

BOSTON, Mass., November 24.—The ability of Ralph Calloway, colored, of California, to stand terrific punishment, together with his gameness, enabled him to last nine rounds against Jim Barry, of Chicago, at the Armory Athletic Association last night. Calloway was knocked out in the tenth round.

BICYCLE STAR SEEKS DIVORCE.

NEW YORK, December 3.—Arthur A. Zimmerman, the former champion bicycle rider of the world, is suing his wife, Grace, whom he married in 1895, for an absolute divorce. The case is being heard before Vice-Chancellor Emery, in Newark, N. J. Zimmerman names several co-respondents, among them being a former employe of the Hotel Marion, at Point Pleasant, N. J., which Zimmerman owned.

JEANETTE AND HITTE WIN FIGHTS IN PARIS

PARIS, December 3.—The Wonderland boxing hall was filled with boxing fans to witness two matches in which Americans were engaged. Charley Hitte, 154 pounds, knocked out Mike Crawley, English, 155 pounds, in the sixth round of their match. Hitte knocked Crawley down in the first and fourth rounds.

Joe Jeanette, 185 pounds, was matched with Sidney Russell, an Australian, 184 pounds. They put up one of the best fights seen in Paris. Jeanette forced the pace in the first rounds, but he found a strong opponent, who was quite at home in the American style of fighting. At the end of the eleventh round Russell was knocked down, but the bell saved him. At the end of the fifteenth round Jeanette got the decision on points.

FOOTBALL QUESTION SETTLED AT GEORGETOWN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

GEORGETOWN, W. VA.—The football question has been settled at Georgetown (W. Va.) University, the faculty having decided to abolish the game as it is now played. The following is the order:

"That the game of football shall be discontinued by the athletic association until such time as the rules can be so framed as to exclude all possibility of danger to life and limb."

This action was prompted by the death of Archer Christian, left halfback of the University of Virginia, in the game on Georgetown Field.

It is understood that the Virginia Legislature will pass a law prohibiting the game of football.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR RACES.

TAMPA, Fla., December 3.—Racing under the auspices of the Tampa Jockey Club will begin to-morrow at the new track recently completed at West Tampa. Indications point to a successful meeting, and the officials of the track are pleased at the prospects. The stables are filled with fast horses from many parts of the United States and Canada, and additional shipments will arrive early next week from Latonia.

The meeting will extend over a period of 100 days. An average of $2,000 in stakes and purses will be hung up daily. The event of the opening day will be the Inaugural Handicap, a six-furlong event for all ages, for a purse of $1,000 and added money.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS PLAY A TIE.

St. Louis and Louisville Play Even in Thanksgiving Day Game.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

ST. LOUIS.—The football teams of the Sumner High School, of this city, and Central High School, of Louisville, battled to a tie score, 5 to 5, before a magnificent audience of three thousand people at Athletic Park on Thanksgiving afternoon. The two teams were trained to the hour, and gave a splendid exhibition to the patrons, who came out in unprecedented numbers to witness the game.

Promptly at 2:45 p. m. the two teams lined up for action. The referee's whistle sounded, and Central kicked off to Sumner. On the first scrimmage Central's line held firmly, and Sumner was forced to punt. Central's attack on Sumner's line was stoutly repulsed, and a punt was again in order. The ball seesawed back and forth from one territory to another, and the first half ended in no score.

During the intermission the rival coaches prepared the teams for the herculean task of winning the contest. Both teams came back prepared to do or die. The battle waged fiercely, and many a young warrior was laid out for time to recuperate. Their strenuous efforts resulted in touchdowns for both sides. Neither was successful in kicking the goal, and the referee's whistle sounded with another contest going down in history as a tie.

The record now stands two victories for Central, two for Sumner, and three games ending in a tie.

For the Central team star playing was done by Oscar Johnson, brother of the manager and coach, Prof. S. O. Johnson. The ends, Brannon and Brown, shone on defense. For the Sumner team Wiggins, the captain, saved the game by some fierce line plunging that couldn't be stopped. Walton electrified the crowd by some long dashes down the field. Walker's punting was phenomenal for a high school player.

Both teams acquitted themselves with credit for their aggressiveness and gentlemanly conduct on the field.

CHANGE OF RULES IN FOOTBALL.

Now that the football season is practically ended comes the report of further changes in the rules for next season, the object being to lessen the danger to players.

For several years there has been more and more tendency for open plays, as the open game is attended by less danger than the mass plays where the players pile up in a tumbled heap. Just what these changes are is not known now, but the fear that soccer may succeed Rugby will lead to some radical suggestions. To keep up the old traditions strenuous efforts always will be made to retain the prestige of Rugby, lessening the dangers of the game every year until the death list is practically eliminated and the injured list is also considerably abated.

JIM SULLIVAN TO RACE NO MORE.

Old Injury Will Keep Crack Runner Out of Future Contests.

NEW YORK, December 1.—James P. Sullivan, who won the first mile race at the Olympic games in London, and who is one of the fastest distance runners in this country, has probably run his last race. In the three-mile race at the Canadian championship in Montreal last September Sullivan turned his ankle and strained a tendon. The injury has been getting worse and now he is in Bellevue Hospital undergoing treatment. The doctors say he will not be able to run again.

Among Sullivan's feats are the American one-mile and the Canadian three-mile records. With Melvin Sheppard, George Bonhag and Harvey Cohn, he broke the four-mile relay race record.

HERCULEANS MAINTAIN CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Indianapolis Herculean football team, champions of Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio for the last two seasons, defeated the Columbia Giants, of this city, in a one-sided game Thanksgiving Day by a score of 25 to 0. It was a gala day for football, and the Northwestern Park gridiron looked bright and pretty, for the grounds and grand stands were everywhere filled with persons who wore flapping streamers of red and white fo rthe Columbia Giants and blue and white for the "Herks."

In the first half much enthusiasm was shown equally by spectators, who cheered for both sides. Some attention was given in the early part of the game, but it was seen that the "Herks" had all the advantage, and then many began leaving. "The blue and white boys" seemed to break into the Giants' line at will, although there was a little interest shown at times when the Columbia boys made great efforts to rally, but to no avail. The West Siders seemed too well fitted for those occasions, and down would go the East Enders. At the end of the first half a great amount of the crowd left, declaring that they were not disappointed in the showing that the "Herks" made, as they had not lost one this season.

SCHRECK'S LIGHT GOES OUT.

Big Dutchman Lasts Less than One Minute with Langford.

PITTSBURG, December 3.—To the disgust of the large crowd of fight fans that packed old City Hall to the doors last night, Mike Schreck, the Cincinnati heavyweight, lasted less than one minute in his bout with Sam Langford, the challenger of Jack Johnson.

When Schreck crawled through the ropes it was apparent he was in no condition for a bout, even of the shortest duration. From his appearance he had not trained a day for the mill, as on the upper part of his body the fat fairly hung in rolls. Langford's condition was exactly the opposite.

When in less than thirty seconds Schreck was hopelessly beaten, Referee Heninger stepped in and refused to allow the slaughter to go on.

After the bout Langford, in a short speech, expressed his willingness to meet Jack Johnson, and said he would post a forfeit on December 1 in New York.

FOOTBALL GROWING IN POPULARITY.

According to correspondents, about every college of any note for Negroes in the country participated in football Thanksgiving Day. At these it is shown that large numbers of people attended, showing the fact that the race is becoming more interest in the game than heretofore. One of the strongest games of the many played was that of Lincoln and Howard Universities. Some considered this game to be in Negro college circles what the Harvard-Yale game is to the whites. Still others thought the Meharry-Fish game to be the stronger attraction. However, it is said that the Tuskegee-Hampton game, played on the 20th of this month, was as popular in bringing out a large attendance, proving both teams to be as popular as any of the four colleges mentioned. It is gratifying to see the very much increased interest taken in the great game by our people this season. It shows our keen desire to want to grow in things that are manly. It exhibits our love for vigorous undertakings, and, too, it is an exercise much needed for the pent-up student.

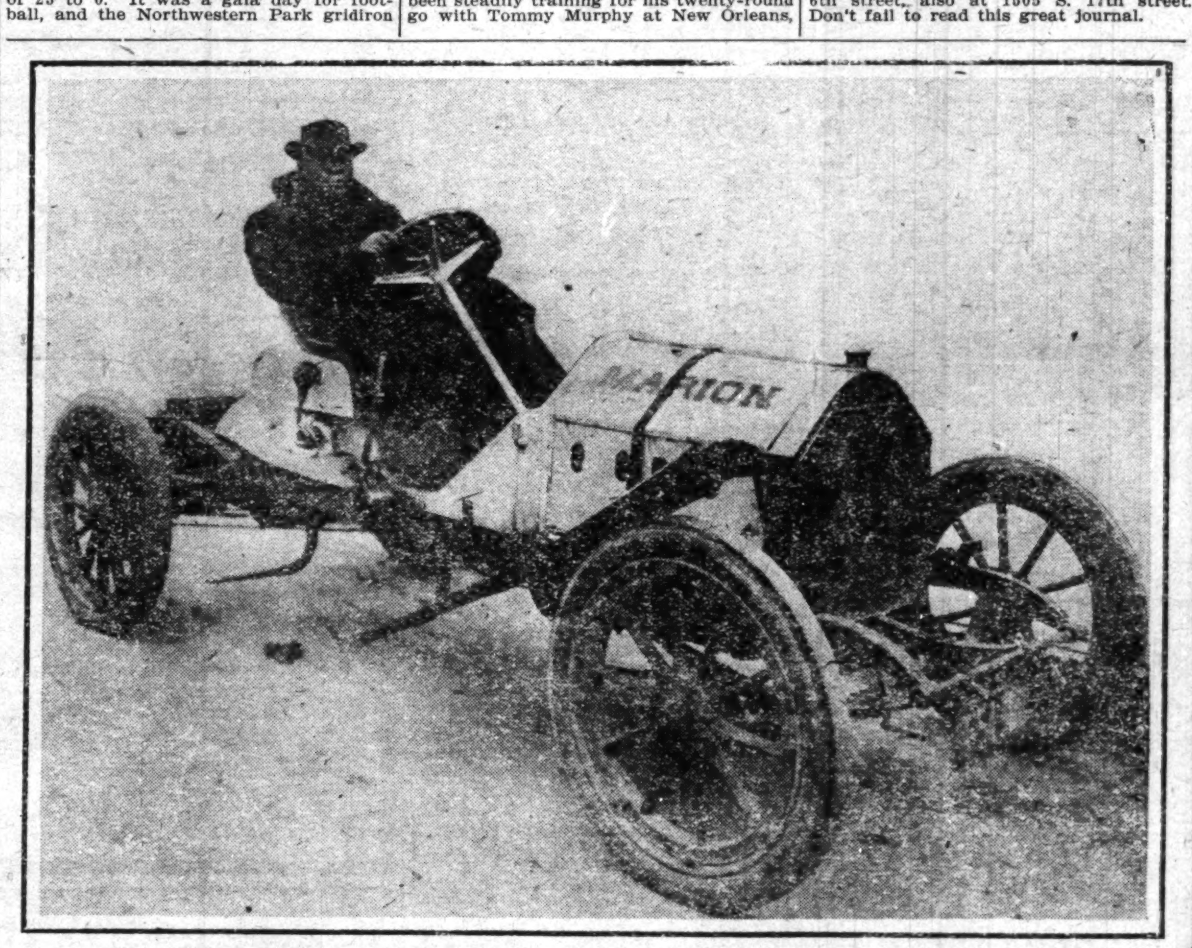
HARPER MAKING GOOD RECORD.

Ben Harper, one of the cleverest colored fighters Indiana ever turned out, has been doing some excellent sparring with Ray

BEN HARPER.

Bronson at Bronson's training quarters for the last two or three weeks. Bronson has been steadily training for his twenty-round go with Tommy Murphy at New Orleans, December 7, and Harper has been helping him to get in condition. Despite the stiff punches Bronson delivers while sparring with Ben, the hard "little notch" never wavered once—unlike Ray's other two sparring partners, Jack Dillon and Young Donnelly.

Ben Harper has been known for some three or four years as one of the toughest little fighters in the State, and has had "the gloves on" with some of the best in the business, and has always shown up well. He is credited with having a terrific kick in his right, and with being able to stand more than any other amateur of his size. He is at home in a battle royal, being unusually fast and clever. Mr. Scipio Williams, who discovered the famous Jack Blackburn, brought out Harper several years ago, and for the short time Mr. Williams managed "the little scrapper" he cleaned up in about every battle he had, and it looked as though he was destined to be champion of his division. Williams, having an unlimited amount of experience with top-notch fighters—fighters who had made big the world—was the proper man to bring Harper up on the top round, but in some way Ben got from under his hands at the very time he should have remained. At any rate, he has demonstrated that he has the making of a real fighter, and had he the proper backing he might make good yet.



Jack Johnson as he appeared in the streets of this city in a new Marion car.

ENTIRE RECEIPTS OF FIGHT OFFERED BOXERS

Promoter McCarey Willing to Take Gambler's Chance.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., December 3.—Tom McCarey, the Los Angeles fight promoter, was in Kansas City a few hours yesterday on his way East. Among other things he said:

"I am still ready to stand by my first proposition, which is that I will bive Johnson and Jeffries a guaranteed purse of $75,000, or the entire gate receipts, just as they please to elect. I am to furnish everything, to take care of all the arrangements, to pay all expenses connected with the battle, and they are to take every dollar that some into the gate. Some will say that I must be losing my mind. I may be, at that, for my interest in the battle is somewhat of a gamble.

"I will take for my end the picture privilege. Now, then, if the fight is over in a round or so, the pictures will be no good, and I will be a heavy olser. If it should rain, you can see where I will land. If the fight is one of those runaway affairs, with no action, the pictures would not be worth a postage stamp. After these statements I guess my proposition is not asking too much for Johnson and Jeffries.

"If I get the fight I am going to insist on Johnson meeting no man until he faces Jeffries. I do this for my own protection. Not that I think any man can defeat him, but that Langford shap is around, and, to be candid, he has got an outside chance to the trick. If he did it would knock the big fight sky high. Jeffries, of course, will fight no other colored man outside of Johnson, so there is not much danger of his defeat."

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SHOULD FOOTBALL BE ABOLISHED?

Woodrow Wilson Talks on the Question Sensibly.

A great many of the presidents of the different colleges throughout the country have expressed their opinion on the question as to whether or not football should be abolished, and their opinions on the question are varied, many of them in the larger schools, however, being in favor of keeping football, but modifying the rules.

Dr. Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton, makes the following common-sense statement:

"Football is too fine a game to be abolished offhand. I do think, however, that it should be modified to some extent, in order to obviate these fatal accidents as much as possible. To this end I think the colleges and universities of the country should get together this winter and go over the situation carefully with the members of the football rules committee.

"I have no doubt that such a conference would result in the discovery of some means of preserving the autumn game and yet of eliminating the tragic features that have made this season so memorable.

"In the meantime, I do not see that newspaper discussion would be at all profitable, nor do I care to go into detail as to my private views on what should be done."

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LANGFORD HOT AFTER JOHNSON.

Champion, However, Is Expected to Sidestep.

PITTSBURG, December 3.—Sam Langford's manager, Joe Woodman, has posted $10,000 to go as a side bet to bind a match with Jack Johnson, the bout to go either twenty or forty-five rounds.

Johnson is showing in this city, and Langford's manager, flushed with Sam's jigtime victory over Schreck Tuesday night, thought it a good time to call the Negro champion, who had said that he would take Langford on if Sam put up $10,000.

Although Langford has the backing, it is not expected that Johnson and his white manager will accept Sam's defi. Some time ago Johnson said tha the would fight Langford if the latter could get backing for a side bet of $10,000. Johnson never thought Langford could get that sum, but now that he has dug it up, Johnson, it is believed, will sidestep the match.

Woodman says he and Langford are in earnest.

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BASEBALL WAR FOR CHICAGO.

Public Opinion Against Formation of New Club in Chicago.

Through the efforts of the Leland Giants Baseball and Amusement Association, Negro baseball has been placed upon a higher scale of efficiency, and the good that this association has done in trying to get a proper rating for its club has been stamped with the approval of all well-meaning patrons of the game. The club entered the City League convinced at the start that as a financial consideration they could not hope to equal the business of the two previous years, but when the things to be gained in the way of recognition by the highest baseball tribunal were considered, and the assurance that a proper account of their efforts upon the field would be kept, thereby forming a basis for comparison with the best clubs, and being further assured that their efforts would probably call for a real test for the city championship, including the Cubs and the Sox, the Lelands readily agreed to enter. The Lelands won the pennant in the league, and without a semblance of doubt was accorded the honor of being the best team, and perhaps the superior of any other semi-professional team in the country. The Lelands did not reap much of a financial harvest, but their efforts brought about a state of affairs that is real new in the history of baseball. The Lelands have been called upon to face the Cubs, world's champions for the past two seasons, and in order to give them a clear title in case they win, they are to meet the White Sox, champions in 1906. As I stated before in these columns, the Lelands have been piloted by their new manager clear beyond the hopes and expectations of their admirers; never before has a Negro team been able to get on a series with a woird's champion league club, or for that matter with any big league club of championship caliber.

PETTY JEALOUSY IS SEEN.

The writer has been asked by numerous patrons of the game as to what led up to the formation of a new club right at a time when the Lelands were at the height of their glory—at a time when their efforts as athletes have brought so much praise and honor to bear upon us as a race. Why should the missiles of war be hurled broadcast before our great team has reaped the reward of its earnest efforts? Jealousy seems to be at the back of the whole thing. It is to be hoped that the warring factions should speedily get together; if for no other reason, it should be for the good of Negro baseball. We have practically stood still in baseball during the whole history of the game until a few years ago, when the brains, money and efforts of a number of well-meaning men produced the now famous Leland Giants, who started Negro baseball on the upward trend. Right at this time it is a deplorable state of affairs to have some of our most loyal and influential baseball men promoting a plan of warfare upon a club that has just begun to pierce the dense cloud that has hung over our heads for years. It is to be hoped that they will see and admit their mistake, and readily give in, and not permit selfishness and gain to get the best of their judgment which has helped to put baseball up to the present level. A careful canvass of the most conservative patrons of the game has revealed the fact that not one is in favor of such a move. The writer has talked with some of the oldest and most influential baseball men in the Park Owners' and Inter-City Association, as well as the City League, and they all think that a war move in Negro baseball at this time will hurt the game. It can only result in a few things, and those few are roads by which the Negro will step down and out of baseball. I am glad that the players have learned to look up baseball in an intelligent manner; the majority have decided that a war move, which means only a high bid in the way of salaries, will result in nothing other than the demise of the game. The majority of the players have experienced this before, and upon each occasion its result buried the game.

SALARY WARS.

The seasons of 1899, 1900, 1901, were the first for salary inflating, when the Chicago Unions and Columbia Giants fought it out. The Unions survived about one season. The Columbia Giants carried their high-salaried aggregation about one season, when they inaugurated an awful cut in salaries, and the club finally succumbed to the inevitable. Leland's Chicago Union Giants in 1902 started as a high-salaried team, but Leland was outbid for all his stars by the Algoont, Iowa, club. The Union Giants had its up and downs, but finally settled below the level, as did the Algoona club. After that war what baseball talent was left here was gobbled up by the East, which almost put Chicago down for the final count. "Rube" Foster was one of the players who went from the West, and in the meantime Foster had acquired so much fame that managers were offering him salaries higher than had ever been heard of in Negro baseball; others were offered the same; the fact was soon revealed that high salaries were hurting the magnates, and to save themselves they organized what is known as the National Association of Colored Baseball Clubs, their chief aim being to reduce salaries. Leland, who was still holding on, was invited to become a party to the agreement, but he promptly refused. It was evident that the game was on its last legs in the East. At this time Leland made a capital move, which really has to a certain extent work out the salvation of the Negro baseball player; he called Foster into consultation, and assured him that he could deliver the capital providing he (Foster) could deliver the players. The result was that the East lost the majority of all its best talent. I might say that salary wars have put a blow upon all sections of the country in which they have been tried, from which none have recovered with the exception of Chicago. Can it repeat? We shall see.

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CITY AND SOCIETY

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Miss Ella Tomlinna is visiting in Chicago.

Mr. W. A. Johnson, of Logansport, Ind., was in the city last week.

Mrs. Julia Turner and Mrs. Bert McCary, of Peru, were in the city Thanksgiving.

Mr. Frank Woods has returned from Buffalo, N. Y. after an absence of several years.

Mr. Robert V. Ridley, grand traveling deputy of the I. B. P. O. E. W. Elks, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Harrison have returned from their wedding trip to Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. R. A. Hanley and little son, J. Frank, of Memphis, Tenn., are visiting relatives in the city.

C. W. B. M. Day will be observed by the Young Woman's Mision Circle of the Christian Church Dec. 12.

Messrs Amos Thompson and Richard Chavis have returned from a pleasant visit with friends and relatives at Columbus.

Mrs. Thomas E. Taylor was called to her home at Appine, Can., on account of the death of her mother, which occurred last Saturday night.

Do not forget to secure a copy of the great Christmas number of The Indianapolis Freeman, which will be out December 25th.

Mr. John Malone, who is now residing in Milwaukee, Wis., was in the city this week mingling with old friends. Mr. Malone is manager of Young's Hotel in Milwaukee.

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Mr. Leonard Harirs entertained Mr. Tony Langston, of Columbus, O., and J. D. Howard at his home in Hiawatha street last Sunday with an old fashioned 'possum dinner. The table was weighted down with the good things of the season.

The funeral of Miss Mary Harvester was held at the home of Mr. Hugh Hanna last Sunday afternoon, conducted by Revs. Smythe and Lewis. The remains were shipped to Maysville, Ky., for burial. Miss Harvester had been a maid int the Hanna family for a number of years.

Rev. J. H. Manley, presiding elder Indianapolis District, A. M. E. Zion Church, preached to a congregation of over six hundred at the Second Baptist Church last Sunday morning. Words of commendation could be heard coming from a number of persons who heard Dr. Manley's sermon. On Tuesday night Dr. Manley delivered a lecture for Dr. Prince and his good people. A large audience was present. The choir rendered some beautiful music.

The wedding of Miss Mary Elizabeth Brooks and Mr. John Wesley Johnson was solemnized Wednesday evening of last week at the home of the bride's aunt in Camp street, in the presence of a large number of friends. The bride was becomingly attired in a gown of white silk mull, lace trimmed. She wore a veil and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Morris Lewis. Miss Estella played the wedding march. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are at home to friends on West Fourteenth street.

A grand reception was given Rev. Dr. J. H. Manley, the presiding elder, at Norwood A. M. E. Zion Church last Monday night. The house was packed. The program rendered by Rev. J. W. Young, Rev. W. J. Windfield, the pastor, Revs. Pennicks and L. P. Powell, together with Mr. F. Daniels, Miss Lizzie Dorcy and a host others was excellent. Mrs. Lula Pipes, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Kittie Elliott, Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Laura Brooks, Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Charles Elliott were among the number that assisted in making the reception one of the grandest affairs ever given in Pennick Chapel.

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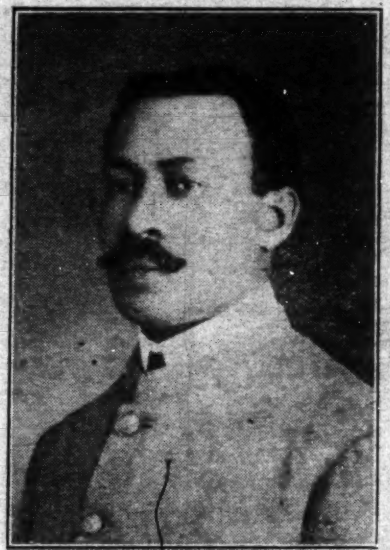

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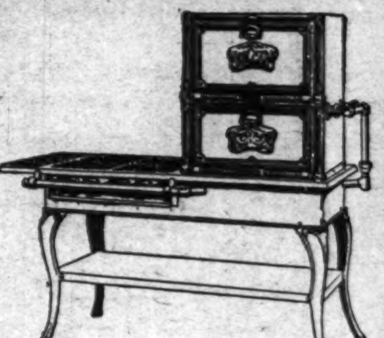

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